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Ontario Premier David Peterson (2nd from left) and Israel consul-general Gideon Saguy hold up a proclamation acknowledging Israel's 38th birthday. Looking on are Elinor Caplan, minister of government services (right) and Meri Saguy (left). [Graphic Artists photo]

Ontario govt. proclamation a "first"

Yom Ha'atzmaut marked

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The government of Ontario last week marked Israel independence day with a proclamation recognizing the close ties between Ontario and "a free, united, independent and democratic State of Israel."

The proclamation was the first ever "to recognize May 14, 1986 as Israeli Independence Day and commend its observance to the people of Ontario."

It was presented at a May 14 sitting of the Legislative Assembly by Tony Ruprecht, minister without portfolio reponsible for citizenship and culture, and was later signed in a government caucus room by Premier David Peterson before about 50 guests from the Jewish community.

Following a brief ceremony, Peterson called it "an historic day" before quickly returning to the House for question period.

Ruprecht, who along with Elinor Caplan, minister of government services and Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations, spearheaded the move to issue the proclamation, told The CJN two factors led the government to recognize Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The first was a realization of the "tremendous contribution" of Jews in Ontario, in business, culture, the arts and professional life, and a recognition of their close ties with Israel.

The second was a determination to enhance "the bonds of friendship with Israel."

Caplan told the guests the proclamation "speaks to the bonds, roots of friendship between this province and the beloved State of Israel." The proclamation affirms those bonds, she said.

Kwinter said it was an historic occasion for the Jewish people to receive

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Rejects corruption notion

Israel wants to end occupation - Peres

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres last week rejected the notion that Israelis have been corrupted by their occupation of the West Bank. He called it a situation "we did not seek out" and one that "we are seeking to free ourselves" from.

He made his remarks in a wide-ranging Independence Day interview published in Hadashot. Other points he made were that King Hussein of Jordan is "a serious leader . . . under incredible pressures;" that President Hafez Assad of Syria "stands at the head of international terrorism together with Libyan President (Muammar) Qadaffi; and that Israel would be prepared to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization if the PLO held a democratic vote to decide who should represent it.

The people of Israel, Peres said, must work for peace in the Middle Eastern region, work for economic stability and growth, and work for intellectual independence.

"One central and main effort is to continue with the peace process, despite all the difficulties that exist; not to give in to skepticism . . . to search for peace. It is vital for the nation and the region. The second thing is to work in the financial sphere for stability and growth. . . . A third, quite important, perhaps the most difficult area in which to achieve independence is that cultural one," he said.

"The battle for intellectual independence continues and is crucial for the existence of the Jewish people no less than the military and economic campaign," the Premier stressed.

Asked if he thought the occupation of the West Bank was corrupting Israelis, Peres replied: "No. I think that we were corrupted to a greater extent by being a ruled people. The Jew became dependent, trembling, not confident, pushed into sectors where there are very few productive elements, living in an atmosphere of discrimination, not taking advantage of things."

He added: "We do not rule because we set out to conquer, we rule because we were attacked. We did not come to the West Bank to conquer 800,000 Arabs. We came to the West Bank because we were attacked in the Six Day War. For this reason, we were caught in situations we did not seek. Today too, we are seeking a way to free ourselves of this ruling. Overall, we do not want to be a ruling people, but I definitely think that our people, like any other people, has the right to self-defence."

But Peres said he wanted to end a situation in which occupation engenders moral corruption, especially among young people born into the occupation. "I want to put an end to this situation. For this we need an Arab partner, as there was a partner in the matter of Egypt. The great difficulty is to find a partner."

He said "it has been proven that when there is an Arab side for peace, concessions are made. Today the negotiations are going on between two coalitions; between the coalition of parties in Israel and the coalition of states in the Arab world. And it is definitely difficult to conduct negotia-

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The lost weekend

Because of the Victoria Day holiday this issue of The CJN went to press on Friday, May 16 instead of on Monday, May 19. As a result, we missed the weekend news, which is often quite exciting, especially if it happens in Israel.

However, we'll bring you up to date in our next issue.

Shultz rejects terror excuse

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State George Shultz last week rejected the frequently-made argument that the Palestinian problem must be solved before terrorism can be ended.

"There isn't any cause that is acceptable at all for these kinds of terrorist acts," he said in response to a question after speaking to the Overseas Writers, a group of diplomatic reporters.

He said one of the most "welcome features" of the statement on terrorism made at the recent economic summit in Tokyo was that there is "no justification for terrorism."

"The Palestinian people have taken a major beating in the Middle East and they deserve to have their legitimate grievances addressed," Shultz said.

He said the U.S. has "worked hard" on this issue as it has on that of Lebanon.

"It would be nice if the people of Lebanon worked on their own problem," he added. "They are the ones who are shooting each other up all the time. They have a lot of help, unfortunately."

But Shultz stressed that "we stand for efforts to find a way to just peace and stability all over the world, including the Middle East. . . . But the fact that there are problems in the world does not in any way justify this terrorism. We just have to get rid of that way of thinking."

On another issue, Shultz said there is a "highly tense situation" between Syria and Israel because of the Syrian buildup in fortification in Lebanon and the investigation in Europe of charges that Syria is behind recent terrorist incidents.

"We don't believe a war between Israel and Syria would serve either party's interest and we have cautioned against it," he said. He pointed to Israel Premier Shimon Peres' recent statement that Israel has no intention of attacking Syria.

Have at least four children, Peres tells Jewish families

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Hebrew University scholar's recent report to the Israeli cabinet on the declining birth rate among Jews in Israel and the Diaspora has been acknowledged by the ministers to be a matter of serious concern and has drawn various proposals on how to reverse the trend.

Premier Shimon Peres has urged every Jewish family to have at least four children.

This pronouncement came after Prof. Roberto Bacchi, head of the Hebrew U's statistics department, told the cabinet that over the past decade the number of Jewish births in Israel has averaged about 50,000 a year compared to an average 60,000 a year non-Jewish births.

Bacchi said that while the disparity is more or less offset by the positive balance between Jewish immigration and emigration and a higher non-Jewish mortality rate, the demographic gap between Jews and non-Jews in Israel and the administered territories is widening.

Gad Yaacobi, the minister for economic planning, noted that these figures mean that by the year 2000, the non-Jewish population in Israel and the territories will comprise 43% of the total population.

Bacchi cited the high number of unmarried Israeli men and women in their 20s or 30s, the ages of greatest fertility. He proposed that the government introduce resolutions that would make it easier for young women to work and raise families.

He said the demographic prospects are even bleaker for Diaspora Jews, where the average birthrate is 1.5% compared to 2.8% among Israeli Jews. The lowest birthrate of all in the Diaspora is among Soviet Jews, he said.

Bacchi predicted that low birth rates and intermarriage will reduce the Diaspora Jewish population from 9.5 million today to 8 million by the turn of the century and to 6 million 40 years from now unless the trends are reversed.

FREEDOM CARAVAN

Members of the "Freedom Caravan" of the Jewish Students' Network lead a demonstration in front of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa. For news of the Caravan's cross-country trek see page 7. [Howard Kay photo]

World-National

Group helps parents of olim bridge the gap

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I had no idea that the organization which goes by the acronym PNAI existed, until Charles King, one of its vice-presidents, told me about it recently. The group's full name implies its purpose: Parents of North American Israelis.

Rabbi Plaut

Everyone knows that there are a goodly number of Canadian and American young men who have gone on aliya. In Israel they have formed their own organization, which assists newcomers in the process of adjustment and affords everyone an opportunity to share common problems, concerns and opportunities in their new home.

Many of these olim and olot left parents behind in North America, and these in turn some years ago formed a support system for their children (who have since become Israelis). They meet on a regular basis in communities across the continent. In Toronto, where their membership totals 131 and is growing, they assemble once every month. On June 1 the Toronto chapter will host the 10th anniversary convention of PNAI.

A few months ago Charles' wife Ann explained the "why" of the organization in a talk she gave to the Toronto chapter. It is not so much **what we do** that needs explanation, she said, but **who we are.** She went on to say:

"When PNAI was established 12 years ago, our founder, Nahum Weissman (Riverdale, NY) saw the need for an organization that would bridge the communication gap between parents and their children who were now separated by an ocean. It would also provide a forum wherein the parents could share their concerns in community.

Ann gave one small example. Winter conditions in Israel are not met by the same heating facilities which are at our disposal in Canada and are here taken for granted. Electric energy costs are so high that most Israelis will turn on their space heaters only to provide necessary, that is to say, minimal heat. They therefore will dress warmly but are often quite unaware that visitors who are ill-prepared in this respect are very uncomfortable. Consequently, many tourists have made up their minds no longer to visit their friends and families during the winter months.

But, said Ann, "for those of us who have children living in Israel, cold accommodations are not the deciding factor in timing our visits. Despite wind and cold and hail and hamsin and any other obstacles, nothing can interfere with our resolve to bridge the gap that separates us from our children. Therefore we should be mindful that the fundamental reason for being a member of PNAI is that it enables us to demonstrate collectively to our community, ourselves and our children our concern for their wellbeing. In turn, our very existence helps to strengthen the resolve of our children that their decision to pursue their lives in Israel was the right choice."

The June convention will feature speakers and, most important, workshops designed to afford members an opportunity to participate and to learn from others. "It's not a case of what PNAI can give to you, but what you can give to others and they to you," said Ann.

If you would like to learn more about the organization and its activities and about the forthcoming convention, get in touch with Charles and Ann King, 84 Regina Ave., Toronto M6A 1R6.

Gramm-Rudman reductions hurt

Rabin seeks U.S. aid restoration

By
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WASHINGTON —

Vice-President George Bush, in escorting Yitzhak Rabin outside the White House to meet with reporters recently, recalled that the Israeli defence minister has been a frequent visitor to Washington over the years. That is certainly true.

Rabin, a former chief of staff, ambassador to the United States and Prime Minister, is indeed no stranger to the U.S. capital. The defence minister has been very personally involved in helping to shape American-Israeli relations for over two decades. His views on the current state of that relationship, when seen from this historic perspective, are, therefore, useful.

In his public comments, Rabin agreed with both Bush and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the U.S.-Israeli connection was today stronger than ever before. There is still not 100% cooperation, he conceded. But the degree of intimacy in all sorts of critical military, economic and political areas is truly remarkable.

"The relations are better than ever," Rabin said. "No doubt, we are eager to keep them as they are today."

Meeting with reporters in his Sheraton Grand Hotel suite, Rabin again described the relationship as excellent. But he also acknowledged some of Israel's existing problems, especially in the area of defence preparedness.

He noted that he had not come to Washington to resolve all of these problems. Rather, he simply wanted to exchange some ideas with the top U.S. leadership. In addition to Bush and Weinberger, he also met with Central Intelligence Agency Director William Casey, Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, Navy Secretary John Lehman, several senators and representatives, and other senior officials. President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz were in Tokyo for the Western economic summit.

As usual, money is a major problem for Israel. At a time of sharp budget cutting in Washington, Israel's defence requirements remain very high. Rabin repeatedly referred to the military threat from a Soviet-backed Syria, rearmed massively over the past three years. And there is less direct military assistance coming from the United States.

Thus, Rabin pointed out that the U.S. appropriated $1.8 billion in military grants for Israel as part of last year's 1986 fiscal year budget. But because of the Gramm-Rudman budget reduction law, Israel was forced to return $77 million of that to the U.S. Treasury.

A joint U.S.-Israeli political/military committee, meeting in recent months, agreed that Israel's legitimate defence requirements for this year would have to involve an increase in U.S. military aid to $2 billion. But there was no way that the administration was going to be able to push that extra $200 million through its own internal budget-making process. Instead, senior administration officials promised Israel a 5% increase — meaning that their proposed recommendation to Congress would include some $1.8 billion in military grants for Israel.

But in the end, even that modest increase was too much for administration budget cutters to accept. When President Reagan submitted his final foreign aid budget proposal to Congress earlier this year, the military sum slated for Israel remained at last year's $1.8 billion level.

In earlier years, Israel could have expected its best friends in Congress to increase the aid level during the lengthy legislative review process of the foreign aid bill. But that is no longer realistic.

At this stage, Rabin and other Israeli officials, clearly nervous about a further cut if the mandatory Gramm-Rudman procedures are implemented again this year, are hoping that they simply receive the full $1.8 billion. Israel's own defence program would be weakened if it were forced to return more of this promised assistance to the U.S. treasury.

Rabin, an old Washington hand with many friends in the U.S. capital, has been touching base with all sorts of influential people, trying to see if there are perhaps some new "creative" ways to help finance Israel's defence burden. There are many ideas that already have been floated — and many more still to come. No final decisions have been made.

One of the most important, however, could come in the form of increased Israeli sales of goods and services to the U.S. defence establishment. Israel would very much like, for example, to win some more Pentagon contracts, especially in connection with the 300,000 U.S. troops in Western Europe.

Pentagon officials noted that Israel already is obtaining some significant financial benefits from the many visits to Haifa and Ashdod from the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet. Last year, more than 25,000 American sailors had shore leave in Israel, and wound up spending quite a sum of money in the process. The Israeli economy received an automatic boost.

But Rabin, while acknowledging these benefits, noted that Israel faces some serious built-in problems in going after new military contracts. For one thing, its defence industries do not receive the same preferential treatment from the Pentagon as do America's West European allies.

"One thing we are trying to do is to obtain that same NATO status," Rabin said. That does not mean that Israel is necessarily seeking admission into NATO or trying to obtain some other formal defence pact with the United States.

Privately, many top Israeli officials would welcome such a development.

For the time being, what Israel simply wants is to have its defence industries be in a position to compete on the same terms for these lucrative contracts as their European counterparts. But Rabin conceded that Israel will have to continue discussions with the Americans on this matter in the weeks and months ahead.

By signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States on the administration's Strategic Defence Initiative, Israel has won the most favored treatment for winning contracts related to the SDI's research and development program. But the amount of money involved in these SDI contracts is not expected to be all that significant, at least in the short term. The real money for Israel remains in servicing conventional warfare needs.

"Polyester-suited" tourist staying away from Britain

By
RICHARD COHEN

LONDON —

He wore a blue crewcut sweater and corduroy pants of kelly green. His shirt was a light-blue Brooks Brothers-style buttondown and his shoes were tan bucks. He walked quickly, almost jauntily, down Knightsbridge towards Park Lane, seemingly unaware that to some he is a hero, but to others just a rarity — the American in London. There are no innocents abroad this year.

The streets of London are largely empty of tourists. The restaurants also. The American accent goes almost unheard in the land and the collection of what a self-professed pro-American newspaper columnist called "gauche, loud-voiced tourists" and "polyester-suited Midwesterners" cannot be seen searching street maps to find where they are, where they were and where they should be. Untold millions of them have apparently decided they should go home.

The British Airways flight here was a travelers' dream — mostly empty. Almost everyone had a row to himself to stretch out, to sleep. That's nice. On the other hand, the concern for terrorism rides with you, too. You check under your seat — a life raft is there — for the bomb like the one that exploded in a TWA plane over Greece and then for good measure, you check your fellow passengers: Which one looks like he could have been duped into taking something aboard? Where is the pregnant Irish lady who is carrying more than a baby? What does a suicide bomber look like and — click, strap yourself in — what's for dinner? Let us stick to what we know. I had the duck.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has pleaded with Americans to come to Britain. A member of her party in Parliament, Robert Adley, says Americans are "behaving like cowards" and showing the "natural American characteristic to run away from trouble." Adley, showing the occasional British characteristic to think that courage comes from warm beer and cold roast, makes a hero of me by implication and spoils his case. It takes no courage to travel; it merely takes a ticket, and at Heathrow there is no awards ceremony when you arrive — merely the usual efficient and courteous people. If you have nothing to declare, you pass right through.

American timidity in the face of suspected terrorism is costing Britain plenty. Last year, some 3 million Americans came here and spent plenty — an estimated $5.2 billion. This year, the number of tourists may fall by as much as 25%. To the chagrin of the British, American logic seems impeccable: In Europe neither the dollar nor your life seems to be worth as much as it was last year.

The result here has been an increase of anti-Americanism and resentment. Americans are called cowards and scorned — as if no one perceives the difference between the Battle of Britain and going on vacation. The case is made that Americans owe a debt to England, that having permitted British air bases to be used for the bombing of Libya, the English reward should, at minimum, be the tourist dollar. Instead, the "polyester-suited" tourist is ordering his "cawfee" at Yellowstone.

The shrinking world has made America nervous. An atomic pot boils over in the Ukraine and some of the spill can be detected in Portland, Ore. Terrorists threaten Americans abroad and also at home. The protective oceans grow increasingly smaller and America responds by closing in on itself. It will stay home this summer.

In Britain, there is both resentment and envy at America's ability to choose when it will be part of the world and when it will withdraw into its own hemisphere. Americans bomb Libya and other Americans respond by not going abroad. The British can not do that; they are already abroad. Their geography limits their choices; America is limited only by its imagination — sometimes outrageous, sometimes practical, but usually fresh.

In due course, the ever-shrinking ocean will change that. An exaggerated fear of terrorism may be the first sign that that is happening.

It is May and the sun plays peekaboo with London. The parks are green and clean, the pubs friendly and raucous, the "cawfee" awful, the cabs still upright like a top hat and driven madly on the wrong side of the road by men who have a nodding understanding of English but can not speak a word of it. The best advice for the American tourist comes not from the prime minister but from a former President. In a different context, Franklin Roosevelt said the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

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Terror suspect charged

PARIS (JTA) —

A 24-year-old Tunisian, Haabib Maamar, has been formally charged here with the bombing of the Marks and Spencer department stores in London and Paris which caused a fatality and wounded 13 persons.

He is also charged with bombing the Paris branch of the Bank Leumi last Aug. 21 which did extensive damage to the Israeli bank. Marks and Spencer is Jewish-owned.

Maamar reportedly confessed to the three attacks. He was arrested in Nancy after his French woman friend, Isabelle Frigerio, denounced him to the police. Police said they have found no links so far between Haamar and any known terrorist organization. They have asked international intelligence agencies for further information about the accused man.

An investigating magistrate here said Haamar admitted to bombing Marks and Spencer, on Oxford St. in London, where two people were slightly injured. He also confessed to the bomb attack on the Paris branch of the retail chain on Feb. 23, 1985, in which one was killed and 11 persons were injured, and to the Bank Leumi attack, the magistrate said.

New associate chairman of CJC national executive

Victory surprises 24-year-old Alan Feld

The CJC Plenary

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Although no statistics are kept on the subject, it's safe to say that in previous years no one elected as an officer of Canadian Jewish Congress had to run home after the election to study for a university exam.

But that's the fate that greeted Alan Feld, the 24-year-old surprise winner as associate chairman of the CJC national executive.

Following the closing brunch of the 21st triennial plenary assembly of Congress, Feld headed home to prepare for an exam on business associations.

The whole thing shouldn't have happened that way, Feld admits. When he decided to run for office, he didn't actually expect to win. Rather, his last-minute candidacy was designed to alert the 950 delegates attending the plenary about the concerns of young, involved Jews.

He was concerned, as were other youthful delegates, that the major issues troubling them — intermarriage, assimilation and Jewish education — were not going to be adequately dealt with at the plenary.

Feld was also concerned there were no young people under 30 scheduled to address the conference.

By running, "I wanted to use the opportunity to bring out the issues and speak on issues of importance to youth," he says.

To his consternation, he afterwards learned only presidential candidates Dorothy Reitman (who eventually was elected) and Moshe Ronen were allowed to address a meeting with all delegates present.

But Feld, galvanized by the concerns he and other youthful delegates felt, decided "without young people participating in Congress, nothing would change.

"People have been giving a lot of verbal support (to the issues he promoted), but the actions didn't correspond to what they were saying."

He decided to make a serious run at the associate chairmanship.

Feld acknowledges he faced an uphill battle. He was running against Frank Schlesinger, a Municipal Court judge in Montreal and past chairman of the Quebec Region of Congress, a man experienced in the workings of Congress who could boast a high profile.

Feld decided on a strategy designed to give him "a high personal presence, so I tried to meet as many delegates as I could."

With his campaign aided by some student friends — he is president-elect of the North American Jewish Students Network — Feld campaigned on a platform which called for the involvement of youth in Congress activities, and with action on the issues of assimilation, intermarriage and education. He also promised to promote aliya and to urge Congress to try to have PLO offices in Canada closed.

Alan Feld

Feld's activist platform succeeded in winning the support of about 55% of the delegates, he says — a broad cross-section which no doubt included the student vote (about 10-15%).

Now, as the youngest ever officer of Congress, Feld will have to combine his CJC activities with his studies (he's just completed the 3rd year in a 4-year combined law and business administration program at Osgoode Hall).

What are the student activist's plans?

"I want to push two key things," he says: have Congress establish a task force to study the question of assimilation and intermarriage, make recommendations, and have Congress mobilize its financial and programmatic resources and persuasive powers with constituent organizations to work to implement the task force recommendations.

(Congress passed a resolution at the plenary to that effect.)

Second, Feld will push for Jewish educational programs, to have Congress work with local Jewish community groups to establish high-quality adult education programs on Judaism "to give people without a Jewish background a taste of Jewish identity."

Feld's own background instilled in him a sense of Jewish identity early in life. As a 15-year-old student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Feld chaired a committee on oppressed Jewry and led a move to meet with the Soviet ambassador to discuss the plight of a Refusenik.

He and three other students from CHAT eventually met in Ottawa with the ambassador for over four hours, an event Feld calls "a highlight" for him.

That got him thinking in terms of community involvement, and he has since held positions on the UJA student appeal at the University of Toronto, as executive member of the World Union of Jewish Students and as chairman of the North American General Assembly of Jewish Students.

His parents, mother Judy Feld Carr and step-father Don Carr, are activists themselves, and some of their commitment to Jewish concerns no doubt rubbed off on Alan. His mother chairs the Congress committee on Jews in Arab lands, while Don Carr is honorary legal counsel of the Ontario Region of Congress and is a member of the Toronto Jewish Congress board.

With the enthusiasm one might expect of someone so young, Alan says he's ready to start his new job right away. He expects to be in contact with other Congress officers to see if he can get his program on the agenda and he plans to take up Reitman's "commitment in her speech about youth involvement."

What with his school work and career, his role in Network and as the youngest-ever Congress officer, Feld can look forward to a busy three years.

Status quo retained on CJC membership

By JANICE ARNOLD

TORONTO —

Two proposed major amendments to the bylaws of Canadian Jewish Congress which could have had the effect of opening the organization to almost every adult Jew in Canada were defeated at the recent plenary assembly.

The delegates decided to maintain the status quo on membership requirements. A committee headed by Milton Harris, Donald Carr and Edward Waitzer, had proposed the deletion of the clause requiring that one "concurs with or supports the aims and objectives of Canadian Jewish Congress" to be a member and qualified to vote in the election of delegates to the plenary assembly.

The delegates also voted in favor of keeping another clause which gives the CJC national executive the "absolute discretion" to exclude persons who it deems do not meet that criterion. The bylaw amendments committee had suggested dropping that clause as well.

In addition, the delegates decided to keep the minimum age for membership at 18, rather than 16, as proposed by the committee.

Amendments to bylaws require a two-thirds majority.

The other major proposed amendment not adopted by the delegates was that concerning eligibility to stand for a national or regional office of CJC, or to be a member of any committee or the national council. The delegates voted to maintain the current eligibility requirements that a person must be "in good standing" with his or her local United Jewish Appeal or equivalent campaign.

This clause also affects those who want to be voting delegates at plenary assemblies because such persons must be named to regional councils beforehand.

The bylaws amendments committee had proposed that this be replaced by the persons having made "a contribution, financial and/or by way of personal service, to the Canadian Jewish community."

However, the delegates did adopt part of the proposed amendment which will create an appellate procedure within CJC for those who feel they have been wrongly judged as not being in good standing with UJA.

Under the old bylaw, an adequate contribution was determined by a UJA campaign committee. The amendment reads: "Any person who is directly aggrieved by a determination of eligibility may contest such determination to a committee constituted by the (CJC) national council for that purpose who shall dispense of the matter within a reasonable time.

"The decision of such committee shall be final and binding on all parties."

Barely a quorum of 60 delegates were present at each of the two sessions where these decisions were made.

"Primacy of UJA campaign"

Whether eligibility in CJC should be based on monetary considerations had been an issue in Montreal, and, in fact, at the 1983 plenary assembly in Montreal, it was resolved to consider a change in the bylaws that would recognize volunteer service to the community as being equal to making a financial contribution.

Former CJC Quebec Region chairman Bernard Finestone explained that a "relatively small, but respected, segment of the Montreal Jewish community — those active with landsmanshaften and synagogues, who know not of Allied Jewish Community Services (the Montreal federation running Combined Jewish Appeal) — feel it is un-Jewish and not fair, and that they serve the community in their own way."

However, the opinion of former CJC Ontario Region chairman Les Sheininger was apparently more representative of those delegates present. Noting that CJC is funded by money collected through UJA and is unique in that it unifies a national Jewish community, he said eligibility has to be determined by financial contribution as "an expression of the primacy of the UJA campaign to the Canadian Jewish community."

On the matter of membership, most delegates seemed to agree with David Satok of Toronto who said that putting no limitations could mean that Jews for Jesus or ultra-religious Jews who oppose the State of Israel could become part of CJC.

It was also noted that in the history of CJC only one Jewish organization has been denied entry to CJC — the United Jewish People's Organization, a Communist group.

These two proposed amendments were part of an overhaul of the CJC bylaws which have been under study for a couple of years.

Some proposals that were adopted by the delegates included making Manitoba and Saskatchewan distinct, rather than separate, regions of CJC. As well, the Alberta Region gains two extra national officers, and the Ottawa area Jewish community, as the National Capital District of CJC, will have two officers. (Only the president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council sat at the officer level previously.)

An independent bylaw amendment, proposed by resolutions committee chairman Gary Waxman, will see the resolutions committee become a standing national committee of CJC. It will have the mandate of monitoring the implementation of resolutions adopted at the plenary assembly.

In the future, no resolution shall be placed before a plenary assembly unless it has first been approved by this new permanent resolutions committee.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: What is the main problem that confronts us?

First and formost among our problems is the decline of morality throughout the world.

Immorality has become stylish. Two people meet on a distant island beach. They talk to each other. Boy meets girl. Boy is not a boy, and girl is not a girl; both of them have had wide experiences. They make love, and a strange relationship takes form. Sometimes, it is called Companionate Marriage "because the people involved are not married and will very rapidly cease to be companions."

Rabbi Burak

Judaism knows no such way of life. "Thou shalt not commit adultery," is one of the Ten Commandments. There may be no sampling of the merchandise. There is no room in it for Open Marriage. Not only is dalliance with another man's wife forbidden, but certain patterns of behavior with one's own wife are also forbidden.

"A bride wihout a benediction is forbidden to her husband like a niddah," says the Talmud in the opening statement of Kallah Rabbasi. That means that as long as the Seven Nuptial Benedictions have not been said beneath the canopy, the groom may not so much as touch her hand. Take heed of this statement all ye sages who allow bride and groom to intertwine their hands under the canopy.

A bride who has no kethuba is also forbidden to her husband. We are told in Tractate Baba Kama, 89A that "It is prohibited for any man to keep his wife even for one hour without a kethuba." Sometimes, when a wedding took place late on Friday afternoon, the signing of the kethuba was left in abeyance, providing the husband made a kinyan, agreeing to all the provisions and clauses in the kethuba. (See Tosfos, Gittin, 18A, at the bottom of the page).

One who practices highest morality

Our tradition tells us of one who practiced the highest form of morality. We read in First Samuel, Chapter 25:44: "now Saul had given Michal, his daughter, David's wife, to Palti son of Laish." The Talmud, in Tractate Sanhedrin, 19B, tells us that Palti felt that for all that the king had married him to his daughter, the marriage was questionable. So, he placed a sword between their beds, saying, "Whosoever does this, will be stabbed by this sword."

Even where the marriage is perfectly legal in all its details, rites, and documents, there is still the call to separate for the menses. The innocent violation of one of these laws calls for a fast of 40 days, according to the Code, Y.D. Chapter 185:4. Those unable to fast day after day, for 40 days, may fast on Mondays and Thursdays for 20 weeks.

Redeem the fast by paying fines

The night of the fast, one may not eat meat or drink wine. Those for whom such fasting is altogether impossible, have the chance of redeeming the fast by paying out hefty fines to charity for every day they don't fast.

If this is the way one responds to an error done without intent, you can imagine what the Torah law says about the man who defiles another man's wife, or about the woman who is unfaithful. Can you imagine what our holy texts say about those who resort to harlots, now known as call girls, whether they be of our faith or not?

The Zohar (Nasso) volume 3, 124A, tells us that the Israelites were tested, first the females, and then the males, by the waters of marrah, to see if they had been faithful to each other in Egypt. Midrash Rabbah, Leviticus, Chapter 23:12 has a very high standard of morality for us: "Resh Lakish expounded: You must not suppose that only he who has committed the crime with his body is called an adulterer. If he commits adultery with his eyes he is also called an adulterer. . . ." (Soncino edition, page 302.)

Exercise right, speakers urge

Jews advised on lobbying

The CJC Plenary

By
JANICE ARNOLD

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish community has the right to lobby politicians on issues affecting it and should not be hesitant about exercising that right but it must do so the right way.

That was the basic message at a Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly forum on political action, chaired by Rose Wolfe. The speakers were Senator Nathan Nurgitz; Bob Wilmot, the Canada-Israel Committee's national director of government relations; and Jim Peterson, former MP for the Toronto area riding of Willowdale.

Jews, like every other group in Canada, are expected by the Canadian public, including its political elite, to speak out on Jewish concerns and the community should not fear any charges of "dual loyalty." However, seeking to influence a politician is a highly competitive arena where many other groups, including some like Ukrainian- and Arab-Canadians, whose interests may not be the same as those of Jews, are also trying to get his ear, the forum was told.

Both Wilmot and Nurgitz stressed that politicians, especially the higher up and more influential they are, have limited time and energy to deal with the numerous demands put on them.

The Jewish community must recognize the value of "political capital," that is, when a politician agrees to speak at an Israel Bonds dinner, for example.

Wilmot also warned that "nobody in the political system can get everything he wants;" and this means the Jewish community must set priorities among the issues important to it. Another piece of advice for Canadian Jews is not to try to emulate their brethren to the south. Jewish organizations often go to Washington to learn the methods of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, only to discover that they simply do not apply in Canada's parliamentary system, said Wilmot.

Canadian Jews must also take into consideration the fact that we only represent 1.2% of the population, and that only six of the 282 federal ridings have a Jewish population of more than 10%.

It is therefore very important that all Jews in this country speak with a unified voice and every effort should be made to get Jews, wherever they live, involved in the political process and those issues on the community's agenda.

Nurgitz noted that, contrasted to only 15 years ago, there is an open, public character to the Jewish community's dealings with politicians in Ottawa. Above all, a politician wants you to be "frank and truthful" with him, and the case being made "must stand on its own — it's not good enough that it's a Jewish issue or related to Israel."

He urged more Jews to become involved in all levels of the political process and to make friends in each party.

He also warned that a politician must be treated as a partner, not "property or chattel."

"Do it for his good as well as ours . . . Jews are sometimes criticized as wanting too much. Our problem is we tend to be perfectionists in an imperfect world."

One failing of the Canadian Jewish community is that it does not say thank you often enough when politicians do act on its demands, said Nurgitz.

Peterson, who was defeated in the 1984 federal election, was chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry and a founding vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group.

His advice to the Jewish community is that it expand its agenda to include more than what are seen as Jewish issues. Jews, because of their tragic history, are in a unique position to fight for social justice and human rights causes.

In so doing, they will also enhance the community's credibility when it works for issues within its own traditional sphere, he said.

The community must also help politicians educate Canadians that so-called Jewish issues like Soviet Jewry, the Arab-Israeli conflict and bringing war criminals to justice have implications for everyone in this country. This calls for direct and ongoing contact with legislators to help them understand the complexities of issues.

"Some will never join us though, despite our efforts and our cause being manifestly just. Understanding cannot be built overnight," Peterson said.

Sociologist cites studies

Resilience of survivors praised

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Survivors of the Holocaust have shown a tremendous amount of resilience in overcoming the trauma of World War II and starting new lives, says a Montreal sociology professor.

Morton Weinfeld said the surviving Jews have displayed "tremendous coping and adaptive capacities."

"Although they bore many scars, they were able to create family lives which produced children which seemed to be no different — no better or no worse — than other Jewish children," the McGill University sociology department chairman said in a recent interview.

Weinfeld — who has studied Holocaust survivors and their children born after the war in Canada — was a guest speaker in a panel discussion on the Holocaust, Forty Years Later at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress's plenary assembly.

He told The CJN afterwards that in two studies conducted by himself and Dr. John J. Sigal, a psychologist at the Montreal Jewish General Hospital, the Holocaust was found to have had no effect on the "psychological maladjustment" (such as depression, guilt, paranoia and psycnosomatic disease) of the survivors and their children.

In fact, the only difference between the surviving community and other Jews was the greater interest by survivor offspring in what had happened to Jews during the Holocaust, Weinfeld said.

"The children of survivors were more curious about the Holocaust," he said, adding that they knew more information about it than the control groups of Jews who weren't survivors.

Weinfeld also said for those who knew more about the Holocaust — including some Jewish respondents who have no connection with it — there was a greater tendency towards tolerance of minorities, and militancy in defence of Jewish and other minority rights that were being trampled.

The studies also found that the survivors were more highly stressed than other control groups, "but they seem to have been able to have coped with their stress."

Weinfeld speculated the ability of Holocaust survivors to bounce back after the war and produce children who've done well in school and in jobs may have been due to a number of "cultural factors" found in Judaism.

Included may be the importance placed on the stability of family life and the respect given to learning, he suggested.

"It has primarily been a moderate kind of culture. You don't see drinking. You don't see drug abuse. You didn't see historically family disorganization. So those are the kind of characteristics that can help in the adjustment process."

Weinfeld added that Jews haven't been the only people to bounce back after tragedy. The Japanese — sent by the Canadian government to camps during the war — have also shown resilience.

"They're an extremely high-achieving affluent group," he said.

Morton Weinfeld

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Few in leadership roles, panel told

Women urged to take "rightful place"

The CJC Plenary

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Many Jewish women work in volunteer organizations but, like other women, a few rise to leadership roles or move into paid positions, a panel discussion at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly was told.

Sylvia Gold, president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, urged women to set goals, learn missing skills and form support groups to help them take their "rightful place" in the decision-making and paid sectors of their organizations.

"It's not easy to do (move into these positions) if you've been socialized to take a particular role that is a role of dependency," she told the discussion on **the Status of Women: Forward-Looking Strategies.**

"Sometimes it takes a great deal of courage and, in those cases, we have to give each other a great deal of support."

She told the audience of about 75 women and a handful of men that Jewish women have "custody" of a range of social, welfare and cultural activities making it a "natural move" for them into paid work in these areas.

Jewish women also have a strong sense of community and according to American figures, 45% of Jewish women join volunteer organizations compared to 30% of non-Jewish women.

In 1980, women's voluntary work in the U.S. was valued at $18 billion — none of which was tax deductible.

"And I'm sure if you were to put a value on your work and the work of the women you interact with in your communities, it would come up to a pretty figure as well," said Gold.

Yet a 1981 survey for the New York Federation's task force on the role of Jewish women in a changing society showed few females were in leadership roles.

It found in volunteer organizations, women were the line workers and men the bosses. Even in women's areas such as family and child services where the ratio of female employees outnumbered men by more than two to one, there were no women executive directors and 60% of the assistant directors were men.

Elaine Todres

Sylvia Gold

Gold said the lone woman in today's society who actually climb to a leadership position "deserves great credit" for breaking new ground.

"But the shame of it is we're still talking about the token woman in important decision-making positions."

To redress the situation, Gold, who sees economic equality as the issue of the decade, said women must decide what kind of work they want to do and whether they want to take leadership roles.

Elaine Todres, director of the policy and research branch of the Ontario Women's Directorate, said public education is also essential in improving women's condition.

She also said the Jewish community must not "lull itself into complacency" on women's issues.

"Jewish women are poor. They are beaten by their husbands. Jewish women head lone parent families," she said.

Figures show that of 3,000 lone parents in Toronto, 2,500 are women and 28% of those live below the poverty line, she stated.

Other figures show Jewish women — 67% of whom in Toronto between the ages of 25 and 34 have jobs, and 75% between the ages of 35 and 54 — earn, on average, only 76% of their male counterparts, said Todres.

She also said Jewish women are not represented equitably at the political or bureaucratic table in political institutions in the Jewish community or in larger institutions.

In a study of the Toronto Jewish Congress, only 17% of the officers and 23% of the executives were found to be women. Two of the Toronto congress's committees had no women at all.

"When I reviewed these figures I basically experienced a schizophrenic reaction,' said Todres, who is a member of the TJC executive.

"My professional part of me said: 'Why should (this organization) be different?' The Jewish part of me was appalled."

Todres said it's time something was done about the situation (which includes the inequitable treatment of paid females).

"I can't presume to offer solutions to the Canadian Jewish Congress," she said.

"But I do know that we are beyond conferences, that we are beyond empirical studies and that we must be in the mode of action," she said, urging women to do such things as seeking the views of female professional and lay women, and building relationships with women's organizations.

Syrian Jew speaks of terror-filled life

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Confinement in a wheelchair is the price paid for freedom by a Jewish woman shot twice while escaping from a jail named Syria.

The woman, who cannot be identified for security reasons, was the special guest at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly forum Syrian Jews: An Imprisoned Community.

Her harrowing tale of escape, betrayal and finally bittersweet freedom in the U.S. with her husband and four children captured the audience, causing several members to sob quietly.

Her presence was tangible, breathing, speaking evidence of all that Judy Feld Carr, chairman of CJC's Task Force on Syrian Jewry, tried to convey through facts about what she terms a "hostage community."

Speaking in Arabic (translated into English by Saleh Mukamel), and stopping in tears several times, the woman told how "our lives had become unbearable. But the Muhabarat (Syrian secret police) watched us every minute so we could not escape."

One day an Arab woman approached her family offering to help them escape for payment, but they distrusted her and refused. She later returned with a Jewish man to gain their confidence and they were persuaded to try.

Three families (27 people) joined in the escape. But the Arab woman betrayed them.

"The Muhabarat chased after us and shot at us from behind," the woman said. Her 4-year-old daughter became hysterical and ran into the line of fire. When the woman got up to rescue her, the police saw her by the lights of their cars and shot her twice in the back.

One bullet shattered her spine. One bullet burst a kidney.

The Muhabarat took her to a hospital where Syrian doctors examined her saying she would die in three hours. The rest of the family was taken to a military prison.

Her parents brought her to another hospital where the doctors refused to treat her and said "they would make me an example to all Jews."

But fortune smiled on her. Another kindly doctor came in at that moment and gave her what treatment he could.

After 26 days she was released to her sister's care, her wound still open. "My sister had to clean me as if I were an infant. I have been in severe pain 24 hours a day to this very day."

While she recuperated her husband was tortured. Every day for three months, she says, he was beaten, "thrown from one wall to another like a ball."

Tried escape again

After a year, the Muhabarat allowed her to travel to Italy for treatment. While she was out of the country, her husband and family again tried to escape.

Again they were caught and after a 6-hour walk they were forced to march back while being beaten all the way, she says.

Her husband, brother-in-law, and brothers were imprisoned for six months and once more they were tortured. Her 13-year-old brother was slapped until he fainted; another brother almost lost his eyesight from the beatings.

During this period she was sent to a hospital in Brooklyn and met a Satmar Jew who looked after her. But she lived alone and did not see her husband and children for two years.

"I used to look at my children's pictures and kiss them and talk to them. Those were horrible days and nights."

She petitioned the United Nations and other organizations in the U.S. for help but without avail. Finally, her husband received a passport for himself and two children — but the other two would have to remain as a sort of security deposit.

When her husband left Syria, one of the children staying behind said: "Mommy left and now you are leaving too; now everything is in the hands of God."

The woman was relieved to see her husband and children, but mourned the two left in Syria. It was another 4½ years before she saw them again.

A year ago the woman endured an 8-hour operation to relieve pressure on her spine. It did not succeed and she remains paralyzed below the waist.

After her story was told the woman addressed the audience directly in halting, tear-filled English asking how shooting her could help Syria, and she thanked Judy Feld Carr for helping her and her family.

Carr reminded the audience about the conditions that the 4,500 Jews still in Syria live with — conditions that prompted the woman and her family to leave. They include: denial of civil liberties, religious identification cards, economic and educational restrictions, and prohibitions on travel and emigration.

Of particular concern, said Carr are young Jewish women of marriageable age. They have little chance of finding Jewish husbands in Syria because the young male population has dwindled, leaving them in a precarious position.

Because Canada established diplomatic relations with Syria within the last year it is in an excellent position to help these women, Carr said.

But she added: "We Jews have learned throughout our history that no one will help us and no one will fight for us unless we fight for ourselves."

She called for community support to press the department of external affairs to continue in its efforts to help 15 of these women to come to Canada on humanitarian grounds to marry.

The Syrian community also needs religious artifacts and books and help for the poor. Contributions should be made to: The Doctor Ronald Feld Fund For Jews From Arab Lands, Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Toronto, M5P 3K3. Phone (416) 781-3511.

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Efforts of pro-Arab lobby "more sophisticated"

Bessin: Canada-Israel relations better

The CJC Plenary

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Canada-Israel relations have changed since the last Canadian Jewish Congress plenary but are still good despite more sophisticated efforts from the pro-Arab lobby, the national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee, says.

Shira Herzog Bessin presented that general analysis to the recent plenary assembly forum on Canada-Israel relations.

While Bessin concentrated on updating the audience about relations between the two countries, Prof. Moshe Maoz, on sabbatical at the Brookings Institute in Washington, tried to untangle the status of the complicated Mideast peace process.

Since the last plenary three years ago the governments of Canada and Israel have changed and with that change has come a different world outlook, said Bessin.

The present Canadian government has improved relations with the U.S. and Europe and because Israel has better relations with both, Canada and Israel have a better relationship.

In Israel, the coalition government must rule by consensus, removing some of the sharp confrontational edges; in Canada, said Bessin, there has been less governmental harshness with respect to the issue of the territories.

But while the Canadian government displays a "bedrock of support for Israel," she said, it still wishes to do right by both sides. "That pattern has remained consistent."

Among the concrete actions taken by Canada that indicate her support for Israel, Bessin cited Canadian help in defeating the "Zionism is racism" resolution at the women's conference in Nairobi; opposing Arafat's visit to the UN on its 40th anniversary; joining the Sinai peace force, and permitting El Al landing rights in Toronto.

But there have been some disturbing trends in the Canadian public's reaction to terrorism, she said.

The desire for simple solutions to the problem leads to an undercurrent of belief that a resolution to the Palestinian problem will lead to the eradication of terrorism, Bessin observed.

"But nothing could be further from the truth," she said, predicting terrorism "will probably increase if there is a political resolution of the problem."

Bessin declined to tell The CJN what specific actions the Canada-Israel Committee is taking to dispel this fallacy.

She added that the Canadian government has not adopted this view and regards terrorism as a problem the Western world must fight together. For the involved, committed citizen, she said, the option is to speak up.

Bessin acknowledged that because the pro-Arab lobby has become more sophisticated in its approach and therefore more attractive, "it poses a greater difficulty for us."

But she predicted that with "a steady, plodding, a day by day effort," the committe can continue to build the type of coalition between the two countries that weathers political storms.

Maoz was less positive about the course of the peace process. "In the Middle East," he said, "there are some problems without solutions.

"I think we are stuck, but I think there is some chance. Although most of the problem is on the Arab side we in Israel also have some part in it."

The Palestinian question will determine the future character of Israel and may affect the democratic nature of the state, said Maoz.

One can see a coalition forming between Israel, Egypt and Jordan to seek a solution to the problem, he said, not because of common fondness but "because the alternative for each of the sides is worse."

Jordan especially has a vested interest in coming to terms with Israel because the Palestinian problem could overwhelm it, said Maoz.

But, he continued, Arafat "did not deliver" in the peace process and Syria is exerting pressure on Jordan not to negotiate.

"Syria is the biggest menace to the peace process, the spoiler, and Syria can spoil the situation. The Syrians believe time is on their side and that they can get what they want without the peace process."

Many of the Palestinians, Maoz said, would like to co-exist with Israel — not because they love Israel — but again out of common interest.

However, the professor said, the Palestinians have been taught through violence and murder that it does not pay to be a moderate. And the PLO "does not want a settlement, or can't afford to have a settlement."

Israel itself is split 50-50 on the issue of returning the territories, he said. But "it is an historical juncture to try at least to come into a kind of arrangement with the Palestinians." He suggested the issue be tested in a general election.

"This is the most curious question in Israel: What will be the character of Israel in the future?"

CENTENARIAN CELEBRATES

Clara Segal, a resident of Montreal's Jewish Nursing Home for the last four years, celebrated her 100th birthday on Mother's Day. She was feted by the Home were she is the oldest resident. She came to Canada from Romania in 1905, had four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. [Howard Kay photo]

BB, CJC to get secret reports

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress will be allowed to respond to secret legal opinions prepared for the Deschenes Commission investigating Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

In a unanimous decision, the Federal Court of Appeal recently ordered the Commission to make the reports available to the League and CJC "to afford them a reasonable opportunity to comment on those reports."

The court noted the League's "apprehension is nourished by the fact of governmental inaction over the decades. That inaction, at least recently and in part, has been sustained by the interdepartmental legal opinion (the Low report of 1980) that there was no (legal recourse)" against Nazi war criminals.

David Matas, counsel for the League, said "we made the appeal in an attempt to avoid a repetition of the inaction that resulted from (that report). If the 1980 report had been given public scrutiny, Canada may not have had to wait so long for action on the issue on Nazi war criminals in our country."

The Court of Appeal decision reversed a lower court decision of Feb. 10.

Eight legal experts

Justice Patrick Mahoney, writing for the 3-man court which included Justices Arthur J. Stone and Darrel Heald, agreed with the League that the reports of eight legal experts would "carry significant weight" and could militate against the League's interests.

Mahoney went on to say the Commission's duty of fairness requires it to allow access to the reports and the opportunity to comment on the legal opinions before the Commission "reaches its conclusion."

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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RAPPAPORT — LURIE

Dr. Daniel Lewin of Cote St. Luc, Que., writes that my interpretation of the name — Rofeh (doctor) of Porto (a suburb of Verona, Italy) — is not the only explanation of the name Rappoport. He is quite correct. He quotes an authority that it derives form the German word — rabe (raven), which was an emblem on the published work or Rabbi Abraham Menachem b'rev Yaakov Hakohen of Porto.

Another theory is that a family emigrated from the town of Porto on the Atlantic coast of Portugal to Germany and adopted the name Porto, and that the rabbi married into the Porto family and incorporated their name into his.

He also points out that not all the Luries came from Italy, but that some came from the Rhineland and migrated eastward to Poland. I have found an authority for this view. Indeed, some historians attribute the name to the French Loire Valley.

My brief capsules preclude reference to the valuable suggestions of Dr. Lewin which enlarge and enrich my meagre commentaries, for which I am deeply grateful.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The yahrzeit of Rabbi Meir the Baal HaNess — miracle worker — is observed annually at his Tiberias lakeside tomb on Iyar 15 (May 24 this year). The brilliant and bold co-compiler of the Mishna is revered by Sephardim and Ashkenazim alike.

The Roman emperor Tiberius built the Galilee city in his name about the year 15 CE on the site of an ancient biblical town. Its name, predominantly pagan population, hot baths spa reputation, and apparent foundation on ancient graves did not bode well for Tiberias becoming one of Judaism's four holy cities. Yet Jews, except for cohanim, began to settle there from the start. Reservations were swept away a century later when scholar-mystic Shimon Bar Yochai ritually purified Tiberias. The Sanhedrin, Jewish supreme court, exiled from Jerusalem by the Romans, made its headquarters there for the next 500 years. Tiberias's sages compiled the Mishna and Palestinian Talmud and established the cantillation and vowel points used in chanting and pronouncing biblical text.

Meir, whose career spanned the second half of the 2nd century, was said to have been a descendant of proselytes. He was the formost student of the generation's leading sages, Akiva, Ishmael and Elisha ben Abuyah.

The Mishna is the first major halachic compilation, regulating in its six orders public and personal duties of Jewish life according to the Oral Law. Each order is divided into tractates on specific topics, into chapters, and finally into paragraphs called mishnayot — aphorisms and comments by various authorities, often contradictory, thrown together for verbal resolution. The Palestinian Talmud is based on the Mishna, and the Babylonian Talmud on both.

Where statements in the Mishna are not attributed, says the Talmud, they "represent the view of Meir following Akiva." His anonymity was the result of suppression by Shimeon ben Gamliel, the official Sanhedrin head who resented Meir's popularity and sometimes arrogant brilliance. Meir's Mishna formed the basis for its final version, compiled by Judah HaNasi. The name Meir means illuminator.

Meir was outspoken in his emphasis on study, as the following suggest: • A mamzer (bastard) who is a scholar takes precedence over a cohen gadol (high priest) who is ignorant; • To marry one's daughter off to an ignoramus is like laying her bound in front of a lion; • Whoever forgets one word of the Torah is accounted by Scripture as if he had forfeited his life.

When Elisha ben Abuyah suffered a crisis of faith and renounced Judaism, Meir was the only sage who persisted in seeing him. His attempts to persuade his former teacher to repent served as more grist for the mills of Meir's opponents. Meir did not give up. The Talmud says that in the end Meir's prayers saved Abuyah from the fires of hell.

Meir's wife Beruriah was herself a paragon of scholarship and wisdom, and quoted in Talmud discussions. Their twin sons died one Shabbat afternoon when Meir was in shul. She laid them out on their beds and waited for his return. She confronted Meir with an halachic query: what to do with jewels that a neighbor deposited with her and now wanted back. "Give them back, of course," was his immediate response. She then led him to the boys. Together they recited the vindication of God's justice that has accompanied Jews ever since: "The Lord gives, the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever more."

Meir earned the name miracle worker when he rescued his captured sister from a Roman brothel. He bribed its keeper and assured him of safety from Roman retribution by calling out, "Oh God of Meir, answer me!" The man cried this out on the gallows; the Roman magistrate stopped the execution for an explanation. He was released, and Meir sought for arrest.

Meir had to flee the Holy Land, and was returned only after the end of his life for burial.

Expo-bound for Soviet Jewry

Ottawa VIPs give Caravan boost

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA —

Jewish Students' Network's cross-country "Freedom Caravan" will reach Vancouver in four days (May 26), climaxing a 6,000-kilometre, 16-city coast-to-coast journey for Soviet Jewry.

American Network counterparts are also expected to come to the West Coast to join the Caravan contingent of some 50 participants at Expo 86's Soviet pavilion. There they hope to present officials with a petition signed by an anticipated 2,000 citizens, including politicians, from across Canada, protesting the treatment of Soviet Jews.

Since the Caravan bus left Halifax on Mother's Day — May 11 — the students are also distributing a "Mother's Day Card" with the inscription "Mother Russia — let my children go."

The students arrived in Ottawa last week on Israel Independence Day — coincidentally, Soviet Union Day at Expo 86. They were met on Parliament Hill by members of Parliament and city officials. The students numbered 15 at this point in their journey.

John Oostrom (PC-Willowdale) relayed a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney praising Network for its "unbending commitment" to the cause of Soviet Jewry, and pledging support for the Caravan's objectives.

He also stated that the government would continue its policy to "speak out frankly about what we perceive to be pervasive abuse of basic civil, cultural and religious rights."

Another Conservative, MP David Kilgour, head of the 283-member Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, told the students that the situation of Soviet Jews has worsened since Mikhail Gorbachev became the Soviet leader.

"Orwell's 1984 is more alive than ever," Kilgour said. Improved Canadian-USSR relations depends on the undoing of the terrible damage. There can be no easing of pressure. Your cause is right and your timing is excellent."

Kilgour, who is from Edmonton, also brought Network's petition into Parliament where it was signed by 49 members prior to question period.

Messages of support were also delivered by New Democratic Party House leader Ian Deans and Liberal MP Robert Kaplan on behalf of their respective party leaders, Ed Broadbent and John Turner.

"All parties are unified," said Kaplan, "in the wish for the USSR to live up to international agreements. Human rights is not a domestic matter."

At the Caravan's next stop at city hall, Deputy Mayor Mike McSweeney proclaimed Soviet Jewry Day in Ottawa on behalf of Mayor Jim Durrell. The Israeli flag was flown on the flagpole outside the city hall.

City councilors Mark Maloney, George Brown, Jacqueline Holzman and Nancy Smith all signed the petition and offered messages of support and encouragement. They also presented the students with a flag of the city and pins.

The official agenda concluded with a vigil at the Soviet embassy. About 50 protesters carried out a mock funeral at the site, which swarmed with RCMP and Ottawa police, on the occasion of "the death of the Soviet constitution."

Network's Steve Shulman said that he hoped that the constitution would not rest in peace, but become "the living document it is supposed to be."

Kilgour joined Caravan co-chairman Eli Cohen and Leora Silver in attempting to deliver the petition at the embassy gate but there was no response when they rang the doorbell.

Also joining the vigil was Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa, who suggested that the Vancouver Expo be renamed Expose 86, in light of Soviet violations of human rights.

Later in the evening, the Caravan contingent was hosted by Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre at a Yom Ha'atzmaut dinner with Israeli Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin. Caravan members left the next day for Kingston.

The freedom Caravan began its trek across Canada following the arrival of participants flying in from Toronto.

The Caravan left Halifax with 15 students, most from Toronto. Before leaving on their journey, they took part in a rally with 100 students. At the second stop, Moncton, they took part in a community program and presented a video on Soviet Jewry. In Quebec City, meetings were held with members of the small Jewish community and a program on Soviet Jewry was organized.

They arrived in Montreal the same day, and participated in a baseball game for Soviet Jewry and a demonstration in front of the Soviet consulate. Canadian Jewish Congress hosted the students at a dinner and Chabad House accommodated them overnight before their departure for Ottawa.

At the baseball game held in Hampstead Park, home plate was dubbed Israel — the final destination dreamed of by Soviet Jews.

At overnight stops, students have been either billeted with Jewish families or put up in Jewish community centres.

Some participants have joined for the entire route and some for only an intercity stretch, but organizers are confident the bus will be full when it reaches Vancouver.

Silver told The CJN that reaching communities less aware of the plight of Soviet Jewry was one of the main motives in organizing the Freedom Caravan tour.

"We can reach out and touch communities who don't normally have the access," he said.

Students bring message of hope and protest to To.

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

As The CJN goes to press, the Network Freedom Caravan For Soviet Jewry has just pulled into the city bringing its message of hope and protest for Jews caught behind the Iron Curtain.

Coming from a "fantastic reception by the Kingston Jewish community," the students assembled under overcast skies and in a cool evening breeze on the front steps of the Ontario legislature.

Between large pictures of Ida Nudel and Anatoly Scharansky they spread a banner reading: "1 Free 3,000,000 to go."

"This is not a partisan issue," said cabinet minister MPP Elinor Caplan. "We speak with one voice saying freedom, justice and when will they be freed ?"

"One, two, three, four, open up the iron door. Five, six, seven, eight, let our people emigrate," the demonstrators chanted.

The posters they carried bore messages like: If not now, when ? and Soviet Policies equal Cultural Genocide.

Caravan participant, Lev Mittelman, a Moscow-born Israeli now studying at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute told The CJN: "It's very important to convince the West to be aware of the situation in the Soviet Union. Hopefully it will open the gates again as in the 70s."

Students wearing all black or striped prison pyjamas and wearing name tags of Prisoners of Conscience carried out a mock funeral for the Soviet constitution.

"The spirit of the constitution has died," said Caravan participant Steve Shulman. Its articles guaranteeing freedom do not apply to Jews, he said.

"Canadians are not going to rest until we finish this freedom march," said MP Bill Attewell. He promised to press the issue of Soviet Jewry later this year when he visits the United Nations.

Caravan co-chairmen Leora Silver and Eli Cohen are pleased with the trip so far, but want community support to grow as they move across the country.

"We have a group of future leaders of the Jewish community. We've become an efficient group," says Silver.

After spending the Sabbath in Toronto, the students were scheduled to head out for Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay and Winnipeg where The CJN picks them up again. Complete coverage is to follow in future issues.

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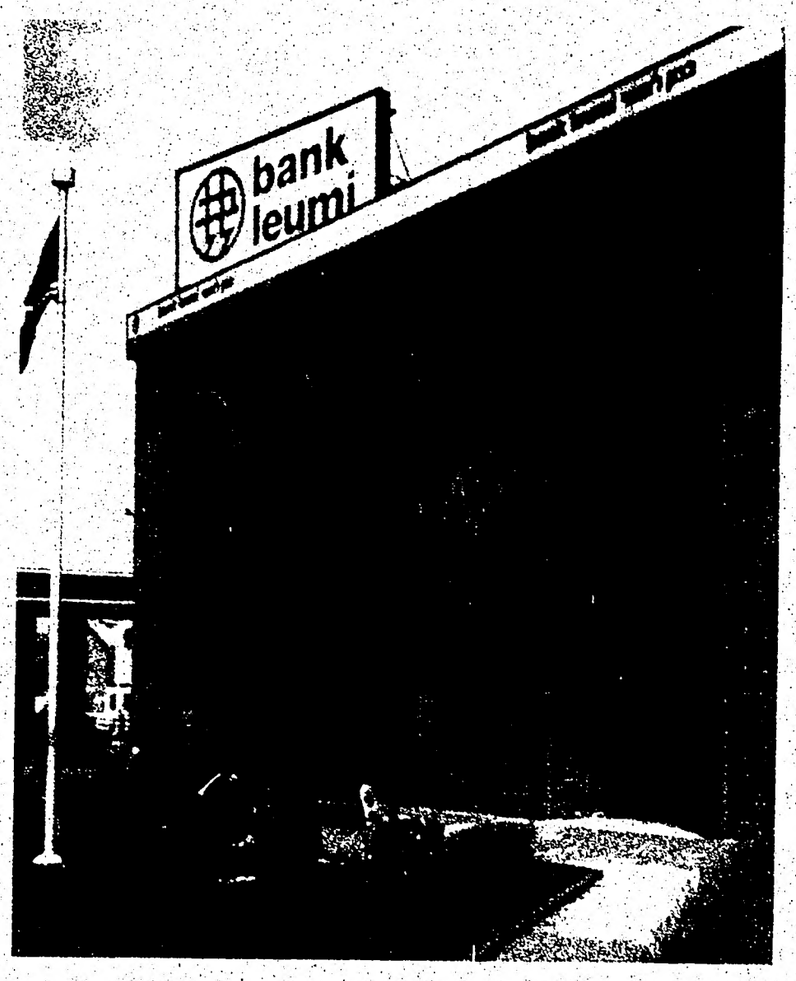

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Editorial

Kudos for CJC

Delegates to the recent plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress took the event's slogan of "new directions" seriously and elected the CJC's first-ever woman president — Dorothy Reitman. On top of that, they elected another woman, Mira Koschitzky, to the number 2 spot — chairman of the national executive, the position held formerly by Reitman.

The delegates chose well. Both women have years of experience in community life and in Congress activities (Koschitzky is a former chairman on the Ontario Region) and they should work well together in charting the new course Congress seems to be heading towards.

The "new directions" program of Congress — if it develops — will cover a wide variety of social issues of concern to Canadians generally, and not just Jews of Canada. For example, resolutions debated at the plenary dealt with such matters as capital punishment, apartheid, day care, government funding for social, health and educational services in Canada, full employment, etc. We're all in favor of Congress getting involved in these matters because the more bridges we build to the general community the more allies we'll have in helping promote specifically Jewish causes.

We will, therefore, watch with interest as the new program unfolds and we hope the "old guard" — those in Congress who prefer that it confine itself to the concerns of the Jewish world — will go along willingly with the apparent wishes of the delegates.

Although Reitman's opponent for the presidency, Moshe Ronen, polled only about a 30% vote, he put up a good fight. At age 27, he still has plenty of time to work his way up in Congress and it is to be hoped he will sustain his interest in CJC activities and take another run at a top spot three years from now.

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All in all, it was a successful assembly. The programming was good and, to our knowledge, everything ran with clocklike precision. We congratulate all those involved in the planning and execution of this major event in the life of the Jews of Canada.

Taking a stand

We note with some satisfaction that the Western leaders meeting in Tokyo recently (CJN May 8) agreed to adopt a resolution on terrorism and specifically designated Libya as a major backer of international terrorism.

The leaders of the democracies at the summit conference realized finally the threat which terrorism poses to societies which are vulnerable precisely because they honor values which guarantee individual freedom.

This very concept, along with the other benefits of democratic institutions, are abhorrent to the terrorist mind.

The summit leaders have also finally put to rest that old notion that "one person's terrorist is another's freedom fighter." The late Senator Henry Jackson once said in response to this false analogy (quoted in Benjamin Netanyahu's Terrorism: How The West Can Win): "Freedom fighters or revolutionaries don't blow up buses containing non-combatants; terrorist murderers do. Freedom fighters don't set out to capture and slaughter school children; terrorist murderers do.

"Freedom fighters don't assassinate innocent businessmen, or hijack and hold hostage innocent men, women, and children; terrorist murderers do. It is a disgrace that democracies would allow the treasured word 'freedom' to be associated with acts of terrorists."

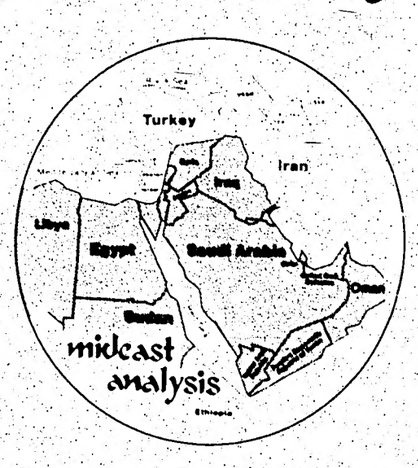
There is another solid insight found in the Netanyahu treatise: Every terrorist group which finally comes to power eventually creates a totalitarian state in which its population lives under conditions of permanent terrorism.

This is something the Palestinian backers of the PLO and the other dissident Arab terrorist factions should consider. The PLO and its cousins have defined terrorism in our age. It is the wilful and calculated choice of innocents as targets; it is the deliberate and systematic murder, maiming of those people for political ends.

That is the fate which awaits the Palestinians should they ever have the misfortune to achieve the "liberation" their terrorist architects are now planning.

Volatile situation

Israel, Syria rattling sabres



By
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Tension between Israel and Syria, two implacable enemies, has been mounting of late.

Observers are not predicting an outbreak of war, but all agree that a marked truculence has crept into recent pronouncements by Israeli and Syrian officials.

Even if the actual possibility of conflict remains relatively remote, analysts do not underestimate the potential volatility of the present situation. Israel and Syria have fought several wars, and no one can be sure that the 1982 war in Lebanon was their last.

For the past nine months, against the backdrop of unsuccessful efforts by Israel, Jordan and the U.S. to get peace talks moving, Israel and Syria have been engaging in sabre-rattling that approaches brinkmanship.

The statements coming out of Israel and Syria are not just a function of the deep-seated paranoia that has always characterized their relations. Syria, which does not appear to have reconciled itself to Israel's existence, wants to wrest the annexed Golan Heights from the Israelis, and prevent an unacceptable peace settlement that could leave it isolated. Israel fears Syria's military buildup and resents its support of terrorism.

Last week, Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's defence minister, warned Syria that its role in terrorism could trigger an armed confrontation. Rabin, in accusing Syria of having been involved in the recent attempt to plant a bomb on an EL Al plane in London, said that Syria is the only Arab country that "potentially" might consider war with Israel, despite scrupulous observance of its 1974 disengagement agreement with Israel.

Israel and Syria have been threatening each other for years, but the latest chapter in their typically tense relations broke into the press last August, when Rabin warned Syria not to overestimate its strength vis-a-vis Israel.

Rabin, who was chief of staff when the Israeli army conquered the Golan Heights, said: "I advise the Syrian leaders not to make the mistake Arab leaders have in the past. We are prepared and ready."

Rabin noted that several factors may have emboldened the Syrians. The first is their assessment that they can reach "strategic parity" with Israel — the ability to challenge Israel militarily on equal terms. This, coupled with the withdrawal of a major part of their forces from Lebanon and cuts in Israel's defence budget, may cause the Syrians to make a major miscalculation, he said.

Within weeks of Rabin's remarks, the Israeli media reported that the bulk of Syria's army had been deployed between the Golan and Damascus. Gen. Moshe Levy, Israel's chief of staff, said in a subsequent interview that the Israeli army could repulse a surprise Syrian attack. In December, following a dog fight over the skies of Lebanon in which one Syrian MIG was downed by Israeli fire, the authoritative Jane's Defence Weekly reported that Syria's deployment on the Golan today is such that it can "move over from a defensive position to an offensive position" within a short time.

The war of words heated up considerably in March in the wake of a mini "missile crisis" and two fiery speeches by Syrian President Hafez Assad.

After the downing of the Syrian MIG by the Israeli Air Force, Syria moved SAM anti-aircraft batteries into Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, only to remove them in the face of Israeli warnings and U.S. diplomatic efforts. Nevertheless, the Syrians continue to station the missiles — which are effective against high and low-flying planes — just inside their border with Lebanon.

Syrian President Hafez Assad (second from left) confers with his generals. The bemedaled general next to him is Mustafa Tlass, the minister of defence.

Not long after the missile crisis was defused, Assad thundered that the Golan would one day be "the heart of Syria" and "become the apex of the Holocaust for the Israelis." He then declared that Israel was plotting to occupy the Arab world from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Meanwhile, the Syrian defence minister, Mustafa Tlass, warned that Israel — and the U.S. — were preparing to wage war against the Arab world.

The table-thumping in Damascus had a predictable effect in Jerusalem.

Maj. Gen. Yossi Peled, the new commander of the northern region, told Kol Israel that Syria was preparing for "a possible fullscale confrontation." Prime Minister Shimon Peres, while advising his fellow Israelis to avoid polemical duels with the Syrians, said that Hafez Assad has not "given up the idea of defeating Israel by force," and could try to divert Syrian public attention away from Syria's economic crisis by mounting a war on Israel.

Peres, who described Assad as Israel's "most extreme" enemy, pointed out that Syria "still has a long way to go" before it could achieve strategic parity with Israel. But Rabin said that, in light of Assad's belligerent stance, Israel had to maintain its vigilance.

According to Israeli analysts, Syria will attain strategic parity when it believes it can confront Israel alone and walk away with either military or political gains. Once the Syrians think they have reached this goal, the danger of a Syrian attack will escalate.

But a decision by Syria to launch an assault on Israel, however limited, may depend on political factors as well. Itamar Rabinovich, the well-informed Israeli expert on Syrian affairs, says the Syrians may very well strike if they feel that Jordan and Israel are moving inexorably toward resolving their problems.

Syria, the Soviet Union's chief client state in the Middle East, began building up its armed forces after Anwar Sadat's 1977 rapprochement with Israel. The Syrians intensified their effort in the aftermath of the 1982 war.

The Soviet Union, which has a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Syria, has funneled tremendous quantities of sophisticated weaponry into Syria's armory in the past four years.

Moscow has supplied Damascus with SS-21 missiles that can reach Israeli military installations, oil depots and communication centres. Moscow has also replaced the missile batteries destroyed by Israel in the 1982 war, and reportedly sold the Syrians the advanced MIG-29, which apparently rivals the American-built F-15 or F-16 in Israeli hands. Last December, Gen. Hikmat Shehabi, the Syrian chief of staff, took delivery of Soviet naval vessels meant to deter "Zionist and imperialist designs."

An estimated 2,000 Soviet military advisors serve in Syria today, down from the 7,000 who were there at the height of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Syrians have not confined their purchases to Soviet equipment. They have bought Western European equipment, including French Gazelle helicopters.

On the ground, Syria has nine divisions, compared to six at the outbreak of the 1982 war. Not counting reservists, Syria can muster 402,000 troops. By contrast, Israel has a standing army of 142,000 that can be increased about 3-fold when reservists are included.

Israel has the best armed force in the Middle East, but Syria is confident of its own abilities. The Syrians, though faring poorly in the air, acquitted themselves rather well in other respects against the Israelis in the Lebanese war.

In another war, Israel would enjoy certain distinct advantages over Syria. But grave difficulties could confront Israel. The Syrians' aircraft defences have been improved, theoretically enabling them to bring down significant numbers of attacking Israeli planes. And their medium and long-range missiles pose such a constant threat to Israeli cities that Israel's aerial response to Syrian aggression may be muted.

No one can say whether or not Israel and Syria will fight a war in the foreseeable future. But what is plainly certain is that, if there is another war, it will be bitter and bloody, despite Rabin's observation last week that "Syria is not a match for Israel." It may well be that this realization will prevent hotheads on both sides from going over the brink.

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Opinion

No synagogue, no rabbi

Chernobyl holds tragic past for Jewish community

By
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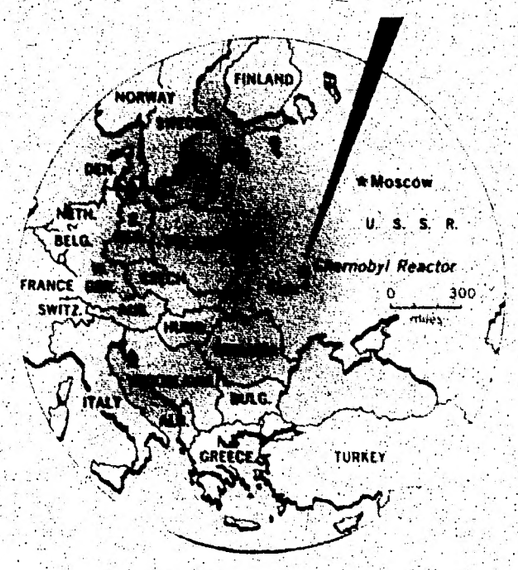
Both the town of Chernobyl, where the disaster at the Soviet Union's nuclear power plant has alarmed the world, and the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, 60 miles away, are prominent in Jewish history and usually remembered with tears by those familiar with them.

Chernobyl, on the River Pripet, is among the oldest Jewish settlements in the Ukraine, dating back from the end of the 7th century, and gained fame in the late 18th century for its chassidic dynasty and the preacher Menachem Nahum, a follower of the Baal Shem Tov.

Kiev, once outside the pale of Jewish settlement, was a great centre of Yiddishkeit in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As late as 1959 the official Soviet census reported nearly 15% of its 154,000 Jews had declared Yiddish as their mother tongue.



Nazi slaughter and Communist repression, plus hostility within the local population, reduced Jewry in Chernobyl to a few in recent years with no synagogue and no rabbi. The latest available information indicates that when the Soviet census was taken in 1969 about 150 Jewish families lived there.

Kiev is considered by many as synonomous with Babi Yar, the ravine outside the city where an estimated 90,000 Jews were slaughtered in World War II by the German army and collaborating Ukrainian militia.

Chernobyl's Jewish history has been traced to 1765 when 695 Jews were recorded as being payers of poll taxes, a levy imposed on Jews. By 1897, there were 5,286 Jews, more than 59% of the population. They were engaged mainly in agricultural production, crafts and trade.

In the spring of 1919, bands of Ukrainian peasants committed pogroms in Chernobyl. When the Soviets took power in the Ukraine in 1920, Jewish religious and communal life came to an end, says the Encyclopedia Judaica. In 1926, the Jewish population dropped to 3,165, about 39% of the total.

During World War II, the community was annihilated. Some Jews who had fled returned after the war. With no synagogue allowed under Soviet rule, Jews worshipped in private homes but in 1965 those groups were dispersed by militia and religious articles were confiscated. When Jews complained to authorities in Kiev, only prayer shawls were returned to them.

Officially barred to Jewish habitation for centuries, Kiev became accustomed to some Jewish doctors and lawyers in the 19th century. Later merchants of high quality goods were allowed to enter. Afterwards came builders of government structures and railways.

At the start of this century, Kiev had become a Jewish centre. The city and an institute for the study of Yiddish and a publishing house for Yiddish books. There were dozens of synagogues and shtiblech (small buildings for worship).

Kiev today has one synagogue and no rabbi. The present Jewish population is estimated at about 150,000.

Sept. 28, 1941, marked the beginning of the end of Kiev's Jewish community. Some of the 175,000 who had lived there when the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union began had fled to eastern and central Russia. A majority of the remainder was killed.

On that September day, notices were posted by the Germans in and about Kiev that all Jews were to appear the following morning at 8 at a corner near the Jewish cemetery, which was close to the Babi Yar ravine.

They were directed to bring all documents, money, other valuables, warm clothes and linens. Anyone disobeying the order would be shot, the notices said. Not suspecting violence, almost all Jews obeyed the German orders. Rumors had circulated that they were to be sent to labor camps.

Jews were herded into the area which was closed off by hundreds of German soldiers and Ukrainian militia. Jews were ordered to put down their bundles and strip naked. They were then led in groups down the ravine and machinegunned from the opposite side. Heaps of earth were thrown over the bodies, burying both dead and wounded.

On Sept. 29 and 30, the official report of the German SS unit in charge of the mass extermination reported 33,771 Jews were killed. Babi Yar continued to be a mass extermination area during the course of the Nazi occupation with the toll put at 90,000 Jews killed.

Babi Yar today bears no identification as a place in which Jews were slaughtered. Despite pleas from Jews in and out of the Soviet Union, the authorities have permitted a marker that refers only to "victims of fascism."

Moscow-Tel Aviv phone link cut

"Russian rain" feared by Israelis

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

The rain that fell in Israel last week would ordinarily have been welcomed with open arms, coming, as it did, after a parched winter and spring. But instead it aroused great anxiety, for people feared that it might be "Russian rain," precipitation that was carrying nuclear fallout from distant Chernobyl.

Sensing the public mood, Israel's health authorities immediately issued reassuring announcements to the effect that the unseasonable May showers did not contain more than slight traces of radioactive debris from the Ukraine.

Of course, nothing said here could calm the 200,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union who feared that their relatives — particularly those in the Kiev area — might be in real danger. As it turned out, Israelis who managed to reach their loved ones in the USSR found most of them to be extraordinarily calm and, being dependent on the Soviet media for information, barely aware of what had happened. When people at the other end who were better informed began to discuss details of the disaster, the Moscow-Tel Aviv telephone link was suddenly cut.

Russian immigrants were well able to understand why the accident had occurred and why information about it was held back so long. For example, Boris Tokarsky, who came here in 1978 after 14 years of working on the construction of nuclear power stations in the USSR, said the Soviet obsession with secrecy was largely responsible for the poor design of their reactors. Designers were not given a full picture of the demands that would be made on the reactors, and people in one department did not keep those in another adequately informed of what they were doing; thus proper coordination was out of the question.

Finally, Tokarsky added, scientists were ordered to achieve results which, given the low level of technology available, could not be safely attained.

Zecharia Amit, a Soviet immigrant who once worked for the Russian radio and now has a job with the Voice of Israel, recalls that in the USSR he was forbidden to report on accidents or natural disasters unless given specific permission to do so, which was only granted when the news had already leaked out, or was likely to leak out, to the West. In the case of Chernobyl, Amit assumes that the Soviet authorities were hoping that radioactive debris wouldn't be blown towards Russia's neighbors, or at least that it wouldn't reach them until after Soviet May Day celebrations had taken place.

In Israel, as elsewhere, the accident has rekindled the debate over the exploitation of nuclear energy for power production. It was only hours after the first reports of the Chernobyl incident that leftwing Knesset Member Yair Zaban was denouncing Prime Minister Shimon Peres' "mad rush to sign an agreement for the purchase of French reactors, even though the question had not been properly discussed by either the Knesset or the public."

Peres has yet to reply, but other public figures have expressed their opinions on the issue. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin favors the acquisition of power reactors if the electricity they produce is cheaper than that available from other sources.

It is for precisely economic reasons that Knesset Member Yuval Ne'eman — a world-famous nuclear physicist who served as minister of science in the Begin government — opposes the purchase of French reactors at this stage. However, he does favor research on an all Israeli reactor which would be built underground in order to protect it against enemy attack and also facilitate damage control should an accident occur. Ne'eman believes that super-safe Sabra reactors might also interest other nations, among them the U.S., where fears of possible accidents have virtually halted the construction of nuclear power stations.

Whatever decision Israel herself takes, she still has reason to be concerned about nuclear developments in this region. Egypt and Libya both have Russian-built research reactors and are interested in obtaining large power reactors. Aside from anything else, technical competence in those countries is low and accidents are always a distinct possibility.

Then, of course, there is the question of nuclear arms. Iraq might be well on the way to having them had Israeli planes not bombed her French-built reactor in 1981, and sooner or later the A-bomb will almost certainly reach one or more hostile Arab states.

Some foreign observers have argued that all would be well if Israel only agreed to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), as have most other Middle East nations. But Israeli experts do not trust the inspection arrangements of the NPT, and would prefer the creation of a nuclear weapons-free zone in this area like the one set up in Latin America under the Treaty of Tlatelolco. For while the NPT allows each country whose nuclear facilities are being inspected to determine who the inspectors will be and when they will come, the Tlatelolco Treaty calls for inspection at any time and by inspectors from the region itself.

In any case, without control measures, radioactive rain could be falling here at some time in the not-too-distant future.

Too cold for crickets

Having fun in Richmond Hill

By
ELAINE KAHN

My sister and I, both born and bred in Oshawa, Ont., home of General Motors and squirrels, have lived in Toronto since our university days. One of the fundamental differences between us is that she has always hoped to move back to a small town, but I get dizzy spells north of downtown Bloor. She lives in Leaside, the white bread capital of midtown — I've just moved to Richmond Hill, several miles north of the city limits.

On hearing of the move, one of my erstwhile friends told me I'd have to find new friends because no one in the old crowd will come to visit me now, except, perhaps, en route to cottage country. Undoubtedly there are Oshawans rubbing their hands in glee that I've finally, after teasing them so long, moved to a place that makes the Motor City look like Manhattan — or at least like Hamilton.

My father's first reaction to our new house was, "but I used to sell cows to the people who owned this land when it was still a farm." Someone honestly tried to cheer me up by stressing that Richmond Hill is a great place to listen to crickets. Everyone has tried to play on my pioneering spirit — me, the non-camper whose definition of pioneer is being the first person to try out the latest Yorkville ice cream shoppe.

When I was attending the University of Toronto, I'd often meet city natives who had never heard of Oshawa, the booming bowler's dreamland a mere 30 miles to the east. To this day, if my parents come in from Oshawa for an evening of city life and then pronounce it is time for them to go home, someone is bound to ask, seriously, "all in one night?" And always the inevitable shock when you tell people Oshawa has both Jews and a shul.

My relatives have told me great stories about what the small Oshawa Jewish community was like in the 1940s and 50s when a lot of the smaller Jewish centres were in their heyday. What stuck with me most was the warmth in their voices when they talked about the fun everyone used to have at community social events.

I had reason to remember this all rather clearly last month at a cocktail party welcoming Richmond Hill's new, first and, at this point, only fulltime rabbi, to whom I'm married. Everyone was having fun, everyone was friendly, no one acted like a rabbi is an extraterrestial form of life and, for a change, the person who asked the piano player to play Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini was someone other than me.

It was too cold for crickets, but, in the sky, I saw parts of Orion I didn't know existed.

Are there Jews in Richmond Hill? Apparently — with lots more expected. The post office may never give me mail delivery to the door, for which I will never forgive it, not even on Yom Kippur, but it's probably only a matter of a few years at most before good falafel, kosher deli and The Jerusalem Post will be readily available north of Highway 7.

Until then, I've got lots to do planning our first strawberry social and quilting bee.

Israelis welcome balloon greetings from Britain

REHOVOT —

For some time now, Israelis have been able to send cases of citrus fruit to England. Soon it will be possible for people living in Britain to send greeting balloons to relatives and friends in Israel, thanks to Balloon Uvracha, a brand new enterprise started by a young American immigrant, Beth Spiewak, and based in Rehovot.

The helium-filled foil balloons, imported from the United States, come in all shapes and sizes and sport such messages as "The World's Greatest" and "Get well soon," as well as the more usual birthday, anniversary and new baby messages. Hebrew wording is added by hand if required.

The balloons are delivered by special messenger, dressed either as a clown or an "English gentleman" in top hat and tails. He will also sing Happy Birthday to the usually amazed recipient.

Israelis have reportedly taken to the idea in their hordes, enjoying the novel way of extending greetings, while impoverished students benefit by finding employment as messengers.

"They have to be fairly extrovert and not mind making a fool of themselves," says Rivka Bar-Nathan, an immigrant from England who acts as the Jerusalem agent for the company.

Opinion

PLO target of fundamentalists

W. Bank challenge splits Palestinian nationalists

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Islamic fundamentalists on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are challenging the PLO for dominance. The development, which is relatively new, is splitting Palestinian nationalists seeking to end Israel's 18-year-old rule in the occupied territories.

Secular Palestinians, the targets of violent attacks by Moslem militants, claim that both Israel and Jordan are manipulating Islamic fervor for their own ends.

In addition to accusing Israel of trying to divide the forces of Palestinian nationalism, they charge Jordan with attempting to undermine the influence of the PLO, which often has been at odds with King Hussein.

There is no doubt that Israel, which maintains an iron grip on these Palestinian-populated areas, has an interest in fragmenting the Palestinian national movement by whatever means. But no hard evidence has emerged so far that would substantiate Palestinian accusations that Israel is working hand-in-glove with Islamic militants.

The very thought that the Israelis and the fundamentalists are somehow conspiring against leftist-inclined Palestinian secularists seems absurd in any case. Palestinian fundamentalists, who want to create an Islamic state based on the Koran, oppose Israel's existence. And in their bid to eradicate Israel, they have taken up arms.

In the past 16 months, the Israeli authorities have broken up an Islamic cell which killed a Jewish settler in Hebron, a hotbed of Palestinian resistance to Israel's occupation, and have sent to prison five Gaza Strip Moslem extremists charged with plotting Israel's destruction as a first step toward establishing an Islamic state.

The plotters, who were given sentences ranging from nine to 13 years, were aided by a former member of Jordan's parliament. And while it isn't clear whether he was working directly at the behest of the Jordanian government, he well may have been, given Jordan's propensity to use Islamic fundamentalists to further its national interests.

Moslems pray in Jerusalem. Islamic fundamentalism on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip is a growing threat to both the PLO and Israel. [IPPA photo]

Several years ago, when Jordan and Syria were on poor terms, the Jordanians provided sanctuary and assistance to Syrian fundamentalists opposed to the secular regime in Damascus. There is no reason why Jordan would not resort to the same strategem in its continuing battle for influence with the PLO on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

Regardless of their backing, Islamic fundamentalists have been growing stronger since 1979, the year the Iranian monarchy was deposed and replaced by what would soon be a diehard Islamic government.

Their movement, which is anti-Western in nature, is largely confined to university campuses, traditionally the base of Palestinian nationalism. It is here that the fundamentalists have had their greatest impact.

In recent years, they have done extremely well in student council elections at important campuses like Nablus' Najah — the largest on the West Bank — and Ramallah's Bir-Zeit, both of which have repeatedly been closed by the Israeli authorities.

But the fundamentalists have not been content with only electoral victories. In propagating their purist philosophy, they have not been loath to use sheer intimidation and brute physical violence against their opponents.

•At Bir-Zeit, a female lecturer trying to introduce Charles Darwin's theory of evolution in her classroom was surrounded by 10 bearded students who angrily branded her an "enemy of God."

In 1983, on the first anniversary of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, several hundred fundamentalists attacked pro-PLO students with broken bottles and knives.

•At Najah, a lecturer known to be scornful of fundamentalism was hospitalized after being thrown from a third-floor window of a university building.

•At Azhar, in Gaza, fundamentalists routinely taunt female students who wear tight designer jeans. Last month, they attacked five female students with clubs and chains for wearing immodest attire. As a result of such tactics, an increasing number of Arab women have been forced to don modest head scarfs and to abandon stylish Western dress. In line with this apparent trend, more men are growing beards.

•At Hebron's Polytechnic Institute, students who tear down fundamentalist posters are routinely beaten.

In fact, the violence has spilled beyond the bounds of the universities. In Gaza, fundamentalists burned down the offices of the Red Crescent Society, a centre of left-wing Palestinian nationalism, as well as a movie theatre and several restaurants that sold liquor. And in East Jerusalem, fundamentalists torched a book distribution agency for allegedly selling "sexually provocative books and films."

This, in turn, led to a wave of unsolved murders. The majority of the victims were known fundamentalists.

The PLO has come under attack from fundamentalists for essentially two reasons.

They believe the PLO has failed abysmally to meet the aspirations of the Palestinians. Not without some truth, they say that the goal of an independent Palestinian state is as distant now as it was after Israel's emergence in 1948. Fundamentalists are of the firm opinion that an alternative to the PLO is required.

Critics say that the fundamentalists offer no coherent solutions. Indeed, Islamic spokesmen admit as much when they acknowledge that Islam cannot necessarily solve the political and economic crises facing the Arab world today.

Fundamentalists attack mainline PLO leaders for their attachment to secular forms of nationalism. Prominent Palestinians like George Habash (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) and Nayef Hawatmeh (Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine) are not only scorned as unbelievers, but branded as Christians.

Even PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat is not immune. Fundamentalists, while respecting him as a dedicated leader, have no use for his concept of a secular Palestinian state.

Coming predominantly from large, poor families, Islamic militants are not just the products of the Iranian revolution, but the inheritors of a legacy passed on to them by the Moslem Brotherhood.

Established in Egypt by Sheikh Hassan el Banna in 1928, the Moslem Brotherhood enjoye widespread support throughout that country in th days before the downfall of the Egyptian monar chy.

The organization was dealt a severe blow whe the Egyptian government, fearing its subversiv influence, cracked down and arrested hundre of its members. The subsequent assassination el-Banna further crippled the Mosle Brotherhood.

Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt's new rul outlawed the group after its followers tried to k him in 1954. But it did not die. It mov underground. By then, the Moslem Brotherho had spread to Jordan, Gaza and the West Ba where it gained adherents.

In the years prior to the Six Day War, Moslem Brotherhood branch on the West Ba went into a period of decline. But it won a r lease on life after Israel crushed Arab armie the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

For 18 years now, the Moslem Brotherh has been working quietly and diligently on West Bank and in Gaza in an effort to b Islamic institutions and to disseminate philosophy.

Palestinian students who've come unde spell seem as militant as the firebrands wh been active lately in Egypt, Syria and the Su But whether they can incite popular rebel given Israel's commitment to retaining the Bank and the Gaza Strip, is quite anc question.

However weak or strong it is in the occu areas, Islamic fundamentalism is clearly a passing phenomenon. Islam, being m than a religion in the eyes of its believer deeply entrenched in the consciousness of majority of Moslems.

Serious observers do not believe that the damentalists can replace the PLO in a popu ty contest. For all its recent trials and tribulat the PLO is still considered by most Palestin as their representative organization. But Isl fundamentalism touches a deep chord in the world and realistically cannot be underestima For that reason it can compete with the PL its own ground.

In their heart of hearts, the Israeli gov ment and the PLO know that, as strange ironic as it sounds at first glance, they h a common enemy on the West Bank and in Gaza Strip.

Confidence in today's youth

Love tops list for raising children

DR. SAUL LEVINE, head of the department of psychiatry of Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital, discusses the ingredients required for successful child- and adolescent-rearing.

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During the past year or so, I have delivered many speeches and lectures on the subject of contemporary youth (Jewish and non-Jewish). Not only was 1985 the officially designated "International Year of Youth," but the area has been one with which I have had a close professional and journalistic connection for more than 15 years.

The general nature of discourses in these presentations has been positive and optimistic. Indeed, I have gone to great pains to dispel myths of depression and doom regarding our young people. I debunked popular myths that, for example, adolescence is a time of inevitable emotional upheaval, that there is an insurmountable generation gap, that contemporary youth are worse off than ever before, and that abuse, suicide, drugs, debauchery and television will spell ultimate disaster and demise for our youth. Rather, I emphasized my overriding feelings of confidence in them and in our society.

For staff workers in various social service agencies, these pronouncements of mine must have sounded ill-conceived and ignorant at best, and dangerous at worst. Anyone working regularly on the front line with troubled families and for their children, knows full well the relentless pessimism which pervades us from time to time, especially when we are confronted with either seemingly insurmountable problems or with a lack of resources to provide any meaningful intervention. Rather than optimism, cynicism and pessimism take over. Those responsible for evaluating, intervening and managing these problems can't help but feel, at least occasionally, alone and unsupported.

How can I reconcile these two points of view? In other words, if things are so good, how come they are so bad? My answer is a simple one. If we've done our work, and our children are constitutionally strong, and the chemistry between us and our kids is a good one, and society cooperates, and we have some luck, our youth should do well. After providing the basic necessities of life and some crucial ingredients of child- and adolescent-rearing, our job is, in a sense, done.

What are these ingredients?

• Love — Any way you slice it, the love, nuturance and caring which have become cliche, are mandatory.

• Space — Children need the "room," both physical and temporal, to experiment, to make mistakes, even to falter.

• Peers — This refers to the relationship and experiences shared with friends, wherein children have the freedom to test, measure and monitor.

• Adults — Adults must provide availability, accessibility, modeling, a forum for discussion and arguments.

• Limits — Despite popular misconceptions, children require and often seek constraints, restraints, rules, demands, expectations and responsibilities.

• Traditions — Our past, our rituals, our folklore give our children a strong sense of belonging and rootedness.

• Opportunities — Children need recreational, educational and vocational opportunities to balance their lives.

• Ideology — This refers to values, beliefs, ethical or spiritual rationale which give meaning to a child's life.

I won't belabor these few succinct criteria for the successful raising of our youth. Yet without these, our task as parents is much more difficult to accomplish.

But what happens when these cannot be present, or in spite of all our best efforts, problems still present themselves due to unforeseen circumstances — bad luck, difficult children or other causes? It is then that we have to entrust ourselves and our adolescents to social agencies and services such as offered by Toronto's Jewish Family & Child Service, a member of the United Way. For all my optimism regarding young people and their future, without this conglomerate of services to the Jewish community, we would be in a sorry state indeed. Being positive about the majority of our youth and adamant that they do not need extra special services or government handouts, does not mean denying the existence of major social and psychological pathology. We all have vulnerabilities and breaking points, so that it should not take much to convince us of the necessity for appropriate support and intervention, if necessary.

Serious family dysfunction, poverty, chronic illness, anti-social behavior, mental illness and other problems are all seen regularly in the agency. What does this vital resource provide? Its services are legion, its functions are varied, its mandate is impossible.

A strong and effective agency should cover the 3 A's of social services: access, availability and appropriateness. If any one of these three is absent or invalid, the service is rendered useless. JF & CS, for example, provides services as varied as early detection and screening, assessment and evaluation, corrective intervention, consumer advocacy and ongoing monitoring of progress.

It does not stop at clinical involvement, going beyond the actual intervention to do follow-up, to ascertain the effects of the service. It looks at efficacy and accountability. It attempts to coordinate and integrate services, in order to avoid redundancy, maximize efficiency, and ensure cooperation in a milieu of overlapping responsibilities.

It offers pragmatic research, examining the outcome of its services.

The agency also provides representation and advocacy for the disenfranchised, depressed and dispossessed.

All of its functions are important; none can be deleted. But there is one that cannot be stressed too highly, although it is not often seen as one of its priorities. And that is to remind this healthy and affluent Jewish community that we are not all fortunate; that there are those among us who are suffering socially, psychologically, emotionally or physically; that we often deny to ourselves the reality and degree of pain amongst us.

In these frenetic, pressured times in which we sometimes have a hard time keeping our own heads above water, we too easily forget those for whom escape from misery is impossible without strong social agency support.

Opinion

Leadership appears aware of the problem

CJC needs avenues for greater participation

By
J. B. SALSBERG

The 21st plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress that has just been concluded will, I suggest, go down in our Canadian Jewish annals as a very important milestone in the growth and development of Jewish society in this country. There are good and substantial reasons for coming to such a conclusion and I shall deal with that aspect of the assembly in my overview next week.

J.B. Salsberg

However, I believe that in order to appreciate the new elements that emerged at the plenary it would be helpful if we returned for a moment, to the central theme of my last column. It was: that the populist character of Congress had greatly diminished in recent years and that a rapid return to the original nature is urgently required if the process of people's alienation is to be halted.

In the previous column I went, quite deliberately, out of my way to trace the origins of Canadian Jewish Congress in order to reveal the original populist structure that the then wage-earning and the lower middle class sectors of our immigrant population — the majority of Canadian Jewish society at that time — created and that was continued well into the long Sam Bronfman presidency.

Why did Congress change? Why did we witness a perceptible alienation of the wage and salary sectors of our community from Congress? Why did we not succeed in gaining the involvement of the new, the growing, white-collar sectors, as distinct entities, and not merely as individuals, into the day-to-day leadership of Congress? Why are so many of the fraternal, landsmanshaften senior citizens' and other organizations so poorly represented in Congress?

Yes, and why are our young people's groups in the universities and other areas not adequately represented and involved in Congress activities? For that matter, why are the youth organizations of the religious sectors — of all three or four Jewish religious streams — not more actively involved in the day-to-day activities of Congress?

These are not only permissible, but necessary questions to be placed in the forefront of our public agenda.

Were those important sections of our total population deliberately excluded from the leadership areas of Congress — the senior policy-making and unified expression of our community as a whole? As one who has had the opportunity to be involved in Congress leadership at all levels for many years, I cannot subscribe to the suggestion that the common folk and their organizations, are, or have been, deliberately distanced from their rightful place in the upper levels of Congress' leadership.

The real reasons for the decline of the populist character of Congress are, in my opinion, to be found in the far-reaching social changes that have taken place within our ranks in recent years; in the radically altered Jewish agenda, its Canadian and worldwide challenges and tasks; in the absence of sufficient awareness, on the part of the leadership, of the decline of participation and influence of "the masses," the populace, at all levels of Congress leadership; and, finally, in the inexcusable acquiescence of the blue and white collar sectors and their leadership to a gradually diminishing role in Congress.

Let's face it: A broad upper and middle class Jewish sector has matured in this country and its participation in organized Jewish life is not only welcomed but most essential. The unquestioned requirement for colossal sums to meet Israel's urgent needs; to help the oppressed, the persecuted and impoverished Jewish communities in many lands; and to provide the basic financial requirements for the multiplicity of our domestic institutions (educational, cultural, health, geriatric, social welfare, community centres, etc.) has, of necessity, elevated fund raising and fund raising expertise to the highest communal priority. Again, it can not be otherwise.

But, as a result of such objective developments our priorities have changed and so have the scales of importance and the degrees of authority in our communal structure.

That is why so many of us who are cognizant of the effects of those changes feel that we have an ever-growing sector of uninvolved, of alienated in our planning and policy-making levels of Congress. Some even think that we are developing a silent majority, especially in our larger centres.

The fact is that this unacceptable situation is not a result of the scheming of some anti-democratic cabal within Congress but is due to an unmindfulness on the part of the leadership and on the unassertiveness of the populist blocks of our population.

The net result, though, is totally unacceptable and needs to be changed. Congress, that speaks for all of us, must also be seen as the legitimate representative of our all-inclusive and varied community.

Fortunately, the 21st plenary assembly and its incoming leadership, as well as the senior officers of the outgoing leadership, have given unmistakable signs of awareness of this problem — as I hope to illustrate next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and hand-written signature.

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A "HALF JEW"?

The CJN has had several articles over the past few years on a film director (who was anti-Israel), an ex-footballer, and an actress, labeling them as Jews.

Each had a Gentile mother and a Jewish father. None was significantly involved in the Jewish religious community or the greater Jewish community.

Fine people though they may be, I wonder whether they should be called Jews. Regretably, we have no category of "half Jews." For these people are Gentiles.

We *do* have the category of righteous Gentile — such as Wallenberg. We need not "co-opt" every upstanding Gentile into the fold.

It is bad enough when someone like Sammy Davis, Jr., who celebrates Christmas and Easter, is classified as a Jew. He did technically convert.

But to be Gentile in every way, except having a Jewish father, doesn't qualify one to be called Jewish.

Going to a Passover seder as a guest, or visiting Israel, or playing racquetball at the YMHA, and eating lox on a bagel, does not make one a Jew.

Ray Havelock
Toronto

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GHETTOIZING "DISGUSTING"

As a fellow Jew, I was completely disgusted after reading the drivel spewed out by Mordechai Bulua of Montreal in his May 8 letter headed "Why non-Jews at seder?"

Bulua is distraught because Rabbi Moses Burak supported sharing the Passover seder with non-Jews.

Queries Bulua: "Is Rabbi Burak advocating inter-faith gatherings?"

My gosh! One would think the good rabbi had recommended baking pumpernickel matzoh!

Heaven forbid, Jews should be encouraged to indulge in a culturally educational exchange with a non-Jew, or (gasp!) even talk to one!

The Torah and its mitzvot should be glorified and shown off like a prize, not treated like a deep dark secret.

To allow a Christian to take part only in a selective part of the Passover service is to give him/her an incomplete taste of the Passover ceremony.

Bulua's question suggests to me that *he* advocated ghettoizing the Jewish people.

Certainly, this strategy would play right into the hands of the Zundels and Keegstras of the world, who rely on the public's lack of Jewish awareness in order to spread their hateful lies effectively.

As for Bulua's suggestion that such inter-faith gatherings should be avoided, since they "might well lead to intermarriage," I have some simple advice to offer him based on similar reasoning.

I suggest that Mr. Bulua might do well to lock himself in his closet. After all, leaving might well lead to catching a cold!

Phil Drash
Toronto

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PORN STORY SHOCKS HIM

Re Richard Cohen's recent Washington column headed "Just look who's writing for 'soft-core porn' mags," mocking politically conservative columnist William F. Buckley for writing for Penthouse Magazine:

This is one of the sleaziest columns I have ever read.

Cohen is a neo-atheist if there ever was one. And what this article has to do with Judaism, I will never know.

How come you allow someone to be smeared in such an unseemly fashion?

If Cohen is trying to be funny, I do not see any humor in it.

I'm shocked to see this in print in The CJN.

Seymour Pleskin
Montreal

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JOAN RIVERS "VULGAR"

I would like to commend your reviewer, Joel Yanofsky, for his criticism of that crude comedienne, Joan (Can We Talk?) Rivers in your April 17 Montreal edition headed "Comedienne Rivers in concert proves tasteless."

It felt good to finally read a critique of Rivers that expressed exactly my own views.

She is not only vulgar and tasteless but insulting.

I am surprised that the Canadian Friends of Haifa University decided to co-sponsor such a lowbrow for their fund raising event.

Babey Trepman
Montreal

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OUTWITTING WALDHEIM

Re Ray Havelock's April 17 letter headed "Waldheim's Austria is taboo":

He writes of his aversion to having the Doctors' Business Bureau visiting Vienna on a travel tour because of Austria's seeming acceptance of the alleged Nazi past of Kurt Waldheim, the former UN secretary-general.

I suggest that his group of tourists solve the dilemma by forwarding a contribution to Simon Wiesenthal at the Dokumentation Szentrum, 1010 Wien Saltztorgasse 6/1V/5, Austria.

Mort Greenberg
Toronto

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LIKES FINANCE COLUMN

I'm writing to express my hope that you're not discontinuing the excellent columns on personal finance by Murray Sherr and Bunny Bergstein.

The columns are well written, using easily understood language, with a minimum of finance jargon.

As a retired senior citizen, on a fixed income like many others, I appreciate their expert assistance.

I hope these columns will continue because I'm sure that for many of your readers, they provide a much needed service.

Harold Randall
Toronto

Editor's note: The column has not been discontinued. We try to run it once a month, but sometimes it is delayed because its two co-writers are waiting to receive the most recent statistical data.

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$4,000 FOR VIOLINIST

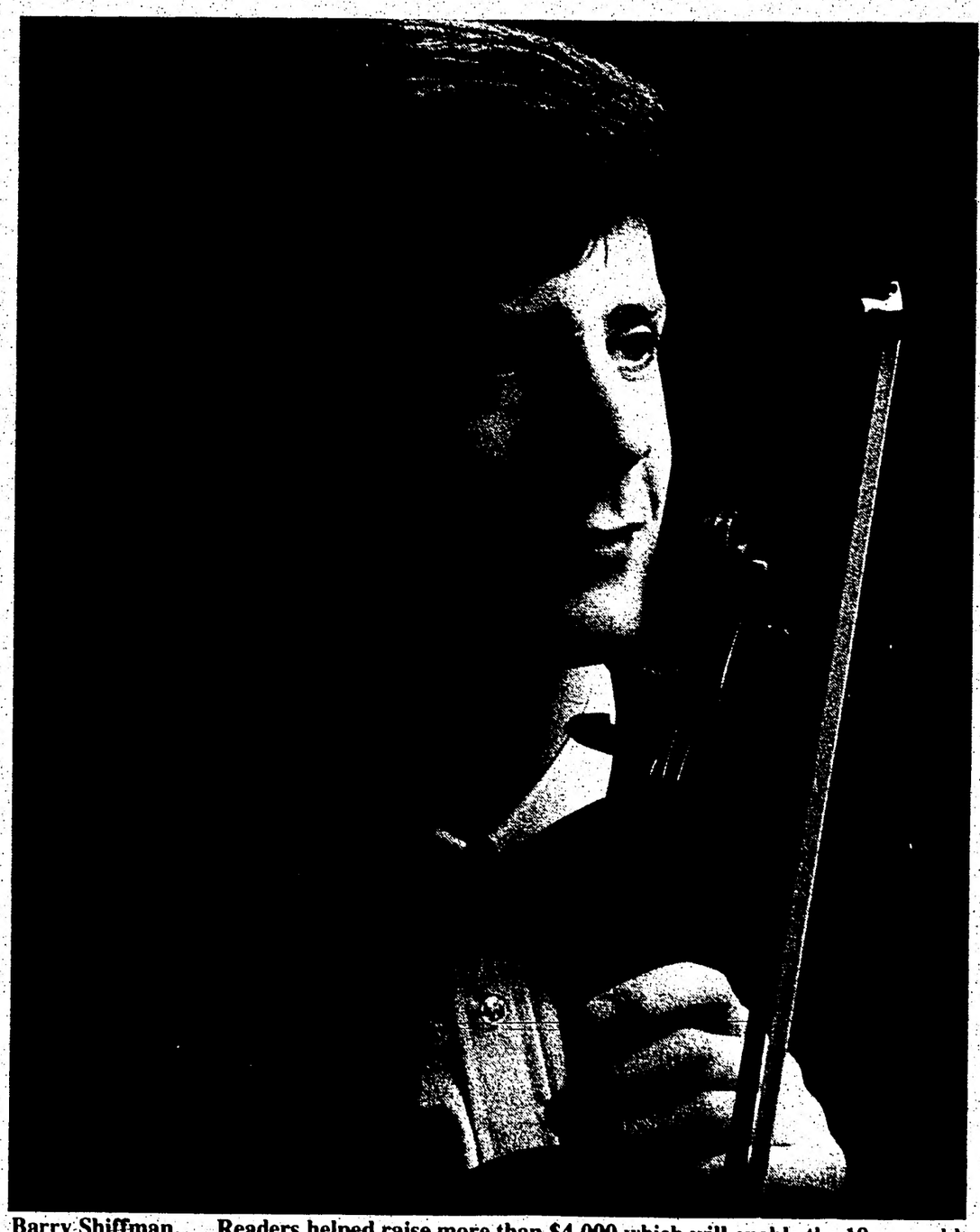
Re Frank Rasky's April 23 profile on the 19-year-old Toronto violin virtuoso Barry Shiffman headed "Violinist hopes to raise funds to perform in Moscow."

As administrator of the Barry Shiffman Benefit Fund (phone 416-964-6131), I am delighted to report that following Mr. Rasky's beautifully written article, we received more than $4,000 in tax-deductible donations.

The money will enable Shiffman to participate in the prestigious Tchaikovsky Competitions in Moscow and, following the competitions, he will be able to study for two weeks in Vienna under the tutelage of the great Soviet violin master, Valerie Klimov.

I am sure the Jewish community of Canada will join me in wishing Shiffman well at Moscow's Olympics of the music world, where he will compete with 80 of the world's most gifted violinists aged from 16 to 32.

Alan Nashman
Toronto



Barry Shiffman. . . Readers helped raise more than $4,000 which will enable the 19-year-old Toronto violin virtuoso to participate in the Tchaikovsky Competitions in Moscow.

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World-National

Scharansky meets with the President

Reagan told fate of Soviet Jews in his hands

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Natan (Anatoly) Scharansky said last week he told President Reagan that he has the "historic opportunity" to bring about the emigration of all Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union.

"The fate of 400,000 Soviet Jews, to a great extent, is in his (Reagan's) hands," Scharansky said at a press conference following his more than 30-minute meeting with Reagan at the White House.

"I am sure that he is the President who can reach success, who can help make the Soviet Union open the gates."

Scharansky explained that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, more than his predecessors, understands the "catastrophic situation" of the Soviet economy and that it needs trade with the United States.

He said it was thus up to the President not to be "deceived by cosmetic improvements" in human rights while Congress must not lift trade barriers until Jews are allowed to emigrate. The latter was a reference of the Jackson-Vanik amendment.

Scharansky arrived at the White House accompanied by Secretary of State George Shultz. Others attending the meeting were Vice President Geroge Bush, National Security Advisor John Poindexter and White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan.

Scharansky said that after his arrival in Israel he telephoned Reagan to thank him for his efforts in gaining his release after nine years in Soviet prisons. He said he was able to express "my deepest gratitude" personally.

"I am sure that my release would never have been possible if there were not such a strong, open campaign for me, and if President Reagan personally did not take such a strong, open position on my behalf," he told reporters outside the White House.

The White House did not release any details of the meeting in keeping with its quiet diplomacy approach on human rights.

Scharansky, who said he was "very encouraged" by the meeting, said he was not surprised that there should be differences between him and the President.

Anatoly Scharansky had a half-hour meeting with President Ronald Reagan during his recent visit to the U.S. [Canapress Photo Service]

"We sit in different chairs," he said at the press conference. "He is the President of the United States of America and I am previously a Prisoner of Zion and now, thank God, an ordinary citizen of the State of Isreal."

But, he stressed to reporters, "quiet diplomacy, from my point of view, can help only if it is supported by strong public pressure, so that for the Soviet Union there will be no illusion that the question of human rights, the question of Soviet Jews, the question of emigration are very closely connected to their economic and political interests."

Scharansky said at his press conference that the Reagan administration "deals much better than its predecessor" with the Soviet Union.

He said he was "deeply impressed" by Reagan's "understanding of the problem of Soviet Jews and his comitment to the struggle of the right of our people to leave the Soviet Union and to join my people in Israel" as well as for human rights in general.

He said he told the President the "strong impression" his speeches made on Soviet Jews in prison camps.

Scharansky was careful not to reveal directly any comments made by the President. When a reporter pressed him, he quipped that the KGB failed in trying to break him down and so "you have no chance with me."

After leaving the White House, Scharansky went to the District Building, Washington's City Hall, where Mayor Marion Barry presented him the key to the District of Columbia.

Meanwhile, he expressed his "deep gratitude" to the U.S. Congress for helping him win his freedom. In return, congressional leaders pledged to continue the struggle until all Soviet Jews who want to emigrate are allowed to leave.

"I am released, but 400,000 Soviet Jews are still kept as prisoners of the Soviet Union," Scharansky said as he was welcomed to Washington in a ceremony in the rotunda of the Capitol.

"The success in winning the recent release of Anatoly Scharansky is proof that we need to do much more, not proof that we have done enough," House Speaker Thomas O'Neill declared.

O'Neill said that in a private meeting with Scharansky before the ceremony, the leaders of the House and Senate "pleaded to continue our efforts to win the freedom of 400,000 Soviet Jews who desire to leave the Soviet Union."

As Scharansky entered the rotunda, under the Capitol dome, he was given a standing ovation by the hundreds of senators, representatives, leaders of national and local Jewish organizations and others who attended the ceremony.

During his stay in Washington, he received Congressional gold medals for his wife, Avital, and for himself. Both the Senate and House approved resolutions awarding the medal, introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Rep. Benjamin Gilman.

Avital Scharansky, who is pregnant, remained in Israel for her husband's first visit to the United States. But Rep. Sidney Yates (D.Ill.) noted at the ceremony that she was known to every member of Congress for her constant appeals on behalf of her husband and other Soviet Jews.

Several Jewish protesters disrupt Soviet Day ceremonies at Expo

VANCOUVER (JTA) — One American Jewish student was expelled from Canada and several others were detained last week when members of three New York-based Zionist organizations protested the treatment of Russian Jewry during Soviet Union Day at Expo 86.

Tamir Elias, 20, of Brooklyn, was arrested by Canadian police and given 36 hours to leave the country after he participated in a vocal protest during the opening ceremonies of the Soviet Day celebration. Elias, a member of the Tagar Student Zionist Activist Movement, was taken into custody after he interrupted a speech by Vasily Shamshin, Soviet minister of communications.

As Shamshin took the podium to address more than 3,000 people gathered in the Expo's Plaza of Nations, Elias and several other Zionists demonstrators called on the Soviet official to "end the Holocaust against the Russian Jews."

Loud chants of "Let Our People Go," and "Stop Oppressing Soviet Jews," greeted Shamshin as he was introduced by the master of ceremonies. Expo security officials removed the students from the building before Shamshin was able to continue his remarks.

Throughout the day, other Zionist activists continued to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry at the fair. Members of the Herut Zionists of America and the Betar Zionist Youth organization distributed material on Soviet Jewry, solicited signatures on petitions to the Soviet government, and held a press conference in front of the Soviet pavilion. During the press conference, two additional activists were expelled from the fair grounds.

Elias, who was held for several hours at a local police station, complained after his release that he had been forcibly strip-searched in front of other prisoners during his detention.

Al Jaime, 21, of Queens, NY, told a press conergence in Vancouver that the group had come to Expo after being encouraged to actively challenge the Soviets during a meeting with Anatoly Scharansky in New York.

Jaime said that the trip to the Expo was designed to let the Russians know "that Jews will not be silent — not ever and not anywhere — as long as they continue to persecute, oppress and deny the right to emigrate to the Russian Jewish community."

Jerusalem denies any connection to arms plot suspect

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The defence ministry said last week that it is in no way connected with Ze'ev Reiss, an Israeli national, arrested at JFK Airport in New York and charged by U.S. authorities with an attempt to smuggle American weapons to a Persian Gulf country.

Reiss, an Israel Defence Force reservist with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and a former basketball player for the Hapoel Sports Club International is not known to have requested assistance from any Israeli official. The foreign ministry in Jerusalem said it has no intention of intervening in the case.

Reiss was the seventh Israeli the U.S. authorities arrested in the past month, or issued warrants for their arrest, in connection with an alleged scheme to sell more than $2 billion in American weapons to Iran in violation of the U.S. arms embargo against that country. But sources here said there appeared to be no connection between Reiss and the six other Israelis charged by the U.S. last April 22.

The latter include a retired IDF general, Abraham Baram, and William Northrop, who holds dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship. They are presently in Bermuda fighting extradition to the U.S.

The defence ministry's statement said Reiss has no present or past connections with the ministry, is not known to the ministry staff and has no authorization to trade in arms.

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Actions disappoint but don't surprise

Hussein faces "incredible pressure," says Peres

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tions between two coalitions."

With respect to free elections by the Palestinians to choose their leaders, Peres stressed that "the shooting has to stop, because if every moderate Arab who runs in an election gets a bullet in the head, there will be no elections."

He said he was disappointed but not surprised that King Hussein has so far rejected any approaches toward peace. "I don't think that Jordan is a partner in the PLO's war of terrorism, but rather the opposite. This is one of the understandings we have reached with Jordan. I think that the style changed not only in Israel but also in the Middle East" because Arab leaders do what they have not done before — speak with respect about Israel and Israeli leaders.

Peres said he thought Hussein was "extraordinary sincere. A serious leader. He too is under incredible pressures. The war between the Iraqis and the Iranians is a real danger to the existence of his state. He has his own worries."

He said that while Assad of Syria is no less a leader of international terrorism that Libya's Qadaffi, "Assad is much more of a leader than Qadaffi. He'll now try to get out of the trap he has set. He is now starting to understand there is punishment for terrorism. Until now there was terrorism without punishment," Peres noted.

He added, "You can be sure he (Assad) will stay away from that business. That's why he must be pressured to stop being one of the leaders of terrorism. This is what the Americans are doing. Reagan has already warned him. I have no inclination to compete with Reagan in this."

Asked if he believed Israel's policy of retaliation against terrorists had failed until the Americans intervened, Peres said "No. I don't deny that there were things that America could do that Israel couldn't do. Americans can exert economic pressure. It can make use of the European nations. I admit that retaliations alone are not effective enough."

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In an Independence Day broadcast Peres disclosed that Israel has made efforts to engage in dialogue with Syria on either limited or comprehensive issues but was rebuffed by Damascus on both levels.

Peres said, "we made an effort — not directly — to arrive at dialogue with the Syrians at one of two levels: at the local, limited level, meaning the Golan Heights and Lebanon and at the higher level of, perhaps, comprehensive negotiations."

But, he said, "regarding negotiations, we immediately received a negative response. On negotiations to be limited regarding place and scope, there was initially something of a hearing, but afterwards we also received a negative response from the Syrians."

His remarks were the first revelation that Israel had approached Syria with an offer of talks. The Premier also affirmed that Israel has no intention of attacking Syria and it does not believe the Syrians will attack Israel, though a constant alert is maintained on the northern borders.

Peres also clarified the status of Israel's relations with Jordan. "In the first place, the understanding with Jordan are known and open to everyone. We told the Jordanians, first, that we are ready to conduct negotiations with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. That is an understanding. Of the five names they proposed (of possible Palestinian delegates) we agreed to two," Peres said.

"Second, the Jordanians insisted on an international forum. We agreed. Third, they insisted that it be based on (UN Security Council resolutions) 242 and 338. We agreed. These are far from negligible understandings. I can say, fourth, that in practice both they and we agree that the Americans will be the implementers in the attempt to generate dialogue," Peres said.

Proclamations wins praise

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this recognition, noting that Jews make up only a small percentage of the province's population.

Perhaps the most eloquent remarks came from MPP Steven Offer from Mississauga North, who is co-chairman of the Ontario Legislative Committee on Soviet Jewry. Offer said it was "imperative on us to understand what the State of Israel means to all of us."

Its importance is reflected by those in the Soviet Union who don't enjoy the freedoms we take for granted, but who derive strength for "fighting on" because of Israel.

We should "take time to smell the rose of freedom and know not all are able to be recipients of that fragrance," Offer said.

Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel, called the signing "an emotional moment," and "a milestone in the hands across the ocean." Saguy then led the guests in a recitation of the "shehechiyanu" blessing.

Among the guests were rabbis from several synagogues and leaders of a number of Jewish organizations, including representatives from Na'amat Pioneer Women, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO ORT, Canadian Jewish Congress, Toronto Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and State of Israel Bonds.

Charles Zaionz, chairman of CJC Ontario Region, told The CJN "it is gratifying we live in a province where the government has seen fit to recognize its Jewish citizens and through them, the State of Israel."

Mike Rosenberg, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of B'nai B'rith, called it "a momentous occasion" to see the province's democratic spirit reflected in the actions of the premier.

Earlier, while introducing the proclamation in the House, Ruprecht called Israel "a giant model of democracy, indeed a great symbol, that despite economic hardships, wars and threats of war, it has not lost its sense of purpose to shine as a beacon of freedom, democracy and fulfillment of the promise of the ancient Hebrew prophets."

The proclamation itself notes that "the observance of the anniversary fosters within us a deeper appreciation of freedom, liberty and democratic ideals."

Ruprecht said the move to issue the proclamation got under way about a week ago when his assistant, Jack Kaye, pointed out the onset of the anniversary. Following discussions with Hershell Ezrin, Peterson's advisor, it was decided to suggest the idea of a proclamation to the premier.

Following his approval, about three days was left to organize the event and issue invitations to Jewish community leaders.

Yugoslav court rules Artukovic must die

PARIS (JTA) —

Andrija Artukovic, the former interior minister of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, was sentenced last week by a 5-panel tribunal in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, to death for his wartime activities, according to reports here. Artukovic's lawyers have 15 days to file a written appeal of the court decision.

The sentence was handed down by District Judge Miklo Gajski, culminating a month-long trial against the 86-year-old Artukovic. He was accused of complicity in the murder of some 900,000 Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and others in his post as minister in the fascist Ustasha government that ruled Croatia from 1941-1945.

Artukovic has denied all charges against him. He was extradited from the United States to Yugoslavia last February after living in California for 37 years. He successfully battled extradition and deportation proceedings against him for 30 years, but was turned over to Yugoslav authorities only after a new case was brought in 1984.

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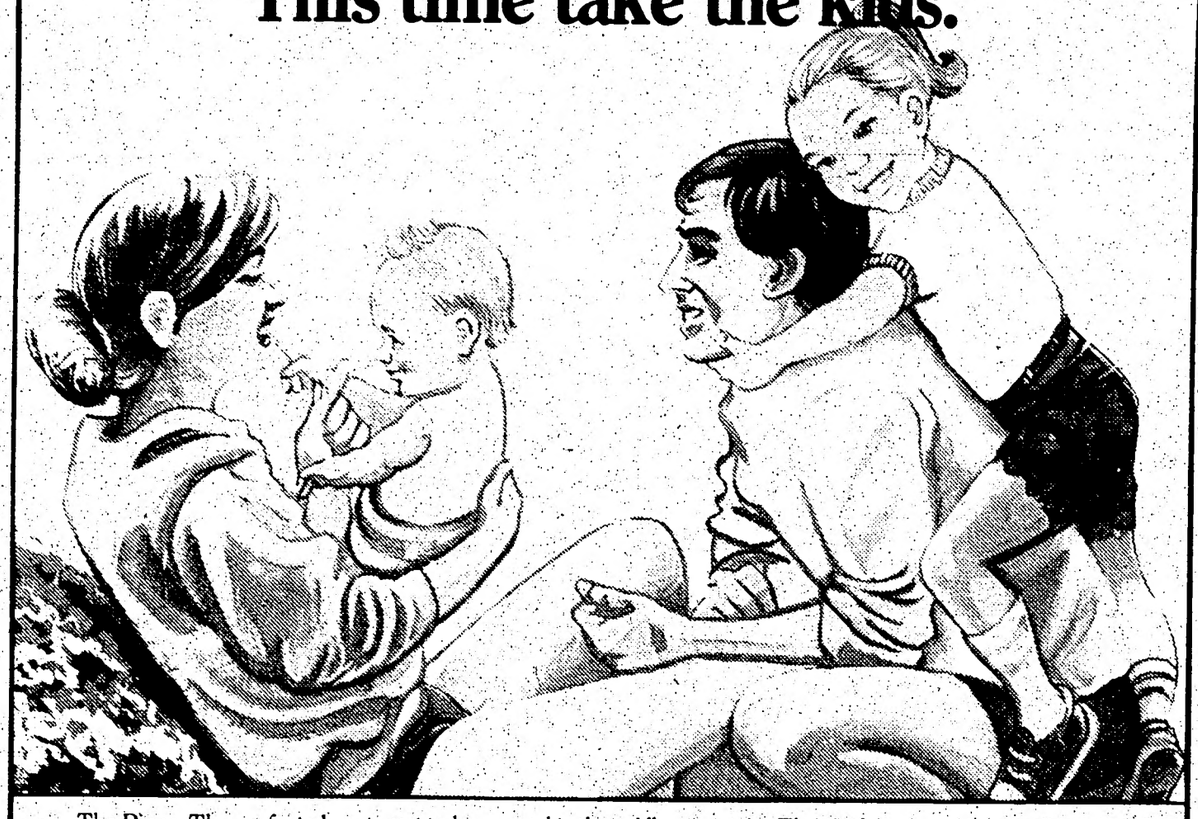

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When Monday is a holiday, the deadline will be moved back to the previous Friday.

Thursday, May 22

A GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

Organizers of the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar are holding a giant rummage sale on Thursday, May 22, at St. Lawrence Market's north building on Front St. E. at Jarvis St.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., $1 admission will get you into the building, where you can browse through the displays of used clothing, sports equipment, toys, household items, antiques and books.

Proceeds will help support medical, educational and human care services for women and children in Israel.

THE COURAGE TO CARE

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto is sponsoring the screening of the film, The Courage to Care, followed by a discussion on Thursday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at Asbury & West United Church, 3180 Bathurst St. (two blocks north of Lawrence). There is no charge.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE SEMINAR

Thursday, May 22, is the date of the Women's Committee, United Jewish Welfare Fund-Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund seminar being held at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Entitled What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!, the program will deal with budgetary revisions and the new Family Law act. Panelists include lawyers **Maria Elena Hoffstein** and **Joanne Swystun** and chartered accountant **Charlotte Haber**.

The fee, including lunch, is $18 per person.

Friday, May 23

YOUNG MARRIEDS

Beth Emeth Young Married Couples Club is holding a Shabbat dinner on Friday, May 23. Cost is $10 per couple.

For further information and to reserve, call **Gail Copeland** at 636-4090 evenings.

ORGANIST TO BE HONORED

Temple Har Zion is having a special Shabbat evening service on Friday, May 23, in honor of **Gerald Baker** who is retiring after serving the temple as organist since it was founded 14 years ago. Services begin at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, an egalitarian Conservative congregation, invites you to join in the upcoming Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24, in the Haifa Room, 3rd floor, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. (at Lawrence).

For information, call **Shawn** at 782-1840.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

The Shabbat study luncheon at Beth Tzedec Congregation on May 24, will have as guest speaker **Edward Gershfield**, associate professor of Talmud at Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His topic will be Talmudic Morality.

The luncheon follows services. Charge is $4.75 adults, $3.50 children.

MONTE CARLO

Independent Order of Foresters (IOF) is sponsoring a Monte Carlo, bingo and dancing on Saturday, May 24, at the Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John) from 7 p.m. on.

Admission is $2. Proceeds will go to charities including Baycrest Centre.

SHALOM TORONTO

Shalom Toronto is holding a free tea evening at 3000 Bathurst St., Suite 106, on Saturday, May 24. Those new to Toronto are welcome. Call 787-7830.

PLAYING FOR PEACE

Playing for Peace, the annual spring concert of classical music sponsored by Hillcrest for Peace of the Toronto Disarmament Network, will be held Saturday, May 24, at 8 p.m. at St. Matthews United Church, 729 St. Clair Ave. W. Students and recent graduates of the University of Toronto faculty of music will be performing.

Tickets are $5 adults, $3 students, senior citizens and the unemployed. Advance tickets may be obtained by calling 656-5434 or 654-2599. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Sunday, May 25

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S BAZAAR

Spring into spring with B'nai B'rith Women's Bazaar 86 where you will find interesting boutiques, home made foods, fresh produce, new clothes, jewelry, bargains galore, hourly specials, a child find fingerprinting session and a chance to win a door prize of $2,000 in cash or a color TV.

It all takes place Sunday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Arena, 1515 Bathurst St. Tickets are $1 for adults. Children are admitted free.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill is holding an art show and auction on Sunday, May 25, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with the auction at 9.

Tickets at $10 include cocktails and dessert and are available at the door or by calling **Marcia Aychental** at 881-7002.

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

A gigantic garage sale sponsored by Club Zemora, Na'amat Pioneer Women, is set for Sunday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12 Ravencliffe Rd., Thornhill.

All proceeds will go to charity.

RIDE-FOR-DIABETES

Toronto Branch of Canadian Diabetes Association is holding its third annual Bike-A-Thon (or Ride-For -Diabetes) on Sunday, May 25. This 32-km route commences at High Park (north end near Bloor) between 9 and 11 a.m. Cyclists are hoping to raise at least $20,000 for ongoing research, education, and support programs for people with diabetes and their families.

Pledge forms are available at Toronto Branch at 488-8871 and Columbus Circle at 789-7011, ext. 285.

Rain date is Sunday, June 1.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT TEA

Chana Szenes Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is having its annual Yom Ha'atzmaut tea on Sunday, May 25, at 4 p.m. at Habonim Building, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst and Glencairn).

Guest speaker will be **Dr. Steve Nadashi**. Musical enetrtainment in honor of Israel's birthday will be provided by singers **Faye Kellerstein** and **Bluma** and the **Roth family**.

Admission is $10. Proceeds will go to Youth Aliyah. For information, call **Freda Laufer** at 787-6066.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Guest speaker at the Beth Torah Brotherhood breakfast meeting on Sunday, May 25, will be nutritionist **Barbara Lasky** who will talk on Therapeutic Diet and Low Fat Levels.

Services are at 9 a.m. with the breakfast at 9:30. The synagogue is located at 47 Glenbrook Ave.

GARAGE SALE WITH A HEART

There's a bargain for everyone on Sunday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 141 Holcolm Rd., Willowdale (one block east of Senlac, two south of Finch). It's Club Beersheba's annual garage sale and all proceeds go to Na'amat Pioneer Women's Adopt-A-Child program.

TORONTO JEWISH CLOTHING DRIVE

A reminder that the second session of the Toronto Jewish Clothing Drive takes place Sunday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

And the Sisterhood gift shop will be open and having a special sale during those hours.

BROTHERHOOD ELECTION

The election of officers of Beth Sholom Brotherhood will take place at the Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillen Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, May 25. Services are at 9:30 a.m. followed by breakfast.

BARGAINS GALORE

You are sure to find lots of bargains at the garage sale sponsored by Club Tikvah, Na'amat Pioneer Women, on Sunday, May 25. Sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 108 Mullen Dr., Thornhill (Bathurst and Milner Gate, north of Steeles).

YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you're 16-24 years of age and would like to win a brand new car, get yourself in gear for the 1986 Young Drivers' Championships at the ministry of transportation and communications parking lot located at 1201 Wilson Ave. on Sunday, May 25, at 9 a.m.

The winning driver/navigator team will win a weekend trip to Montreal to compete in the national Young Drivers' Championships, June 7 and 8, for the Texaco Trophy, a 1986 Chrysler Daytona Turbo with $1,000 worth of gasoline from Texaco.

Call Young Drivers of Canada at 449-5480 for information or to register.

Monday, May 26

JEWISH DIABETES GROUP

The Jewish Diabetes Group meeting on Monday, May 26, will deal with Over the Counter Medication for People with Diabetes. Guest speaker will be pharmacist **Murray Shore**.

The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For further information, call **Esther Schwartz** at 782-2176.

THE RIGHT OF RETURN

The Right of Return, a multi-media performance by **Cayle Chernin** is set for Monday, May 26, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, Eisendrath Auditorium, 1950 Bathurst St.

The program features excerpts, live and taped, from the Brecht 1-act play The Jewish Wife, a collage of The History of the Jewish People, Hannah's Prayer, and slides from the Koffler Gallery exhibit, The Jewish Life Cycle.

SCHIZOPHRENIA AWARENESS DAY

Mayor Art Eggleton will be on hand to proclaim Schizophrenia Awareness Day on Monday, May 26. It all takes place in Nathan Phillip's Square from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be entertainment.

Tuesday, May 27

FAIRVIEW'S 10TH BIRTHDAY

Fairview Library is celebrating its 10th anniversary with several special programs.

On Tuesday evening, May 27, there will be birthday songs, film and cake from 6:30-7:15 (pre-register by phone or in person); Sandy Horwitz and the Friends will provide musical entertainment from 7-8, along with the balloons, special displays, cake and more; and Stage Centre Productions will present a free performance of You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, a series of cartoons for all ages from 8-9:30.

The library is located at 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.). For information, call 495-3436.

MIDWIFERY

The Health League of Canada is sponsoring a free conversational evening on Midwifery to be held at the Metropolitan Toronto Library, Meeting Room D, 789 Yonge St., on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The three guest speakers will be **Dr. John Milligan**, obstetrical director, Women's College Hospital; **Helen MacDonald**, nursing-midwife, McMaster University, and **Holiday Tyson**, Midwives Collective of Toronto. The moderator will be **Dr. Knox Ritchie**, director of prenatal obstetrics, Mount Sinai Hospital.

For reserved seating, call the Health League at 486-6023.

Wednesday, May 28

MEDINA STAGE COMPANY

Medina Stage Company is holding its first meeting in its new headquarters, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Wednesday, May 28, at 8 p.m.

The Get-Acquainted Event will be held in the youth activity room and is open to members and everyone interested in joining and learning more about the new community theatre company. Entertainment, participation and socializing will be the main features of the event.

For more information, call 781-1033 or 667-8347.

NFJA MEETING

At the Wednesday, May 28, meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, **David Weinberg**, author of an award-winning work on the Camp David Middle East peace process and currently director of research of the Canada Israel Committee, will discuss 38 Years Later — The Future of Israel.

The time is 8:30 p.m. at the NFJA centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107, Downsview. The public is invited and admission is free.

FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS

Metropolitan Toronto Chapter of Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics is holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Dunvegan Hall, 230 St. Clair Ave. W. **Dr. Brian Hoffman** of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry will discuss The Sibling Factor in Connection with Schizophrenia.

Thursday, May 29

JEWISH DIVORCE/GET

On Thursday, May 29, Jewish Women's Federation and Toronto Committee on Get are presenting a forum on Jewish Divorce/Get: Reasons, Realities and Reactions.

Panelists include **Chaviva Hosek**, president, National Action Committee on Status of Women; **Rabbi Irwin Haut** of New York, lawyer and author of Divorce in Jewish Law and Life; **Susan**

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CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton cut the ribbon to open Toronto Women's ORT's recent Chocolate Sunday. More than 5,000 attended. Beside the mayor, from left, are: Joan Jaffit, event coordinator; Meri Saguy, wife of the consul-general of Israel; Brenda and Harriet Morton, national president Women's Canadian ORT.

Organizations and People

What's New

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Fish, MPP, and **Norma Joseph**, lecturer, Concordia University, Montreal. Program will also include a dramatic reading by **Marilyn Lightstone**.

Forum takes place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. and program begins at 7.45 sharp. The community is welcome. Admission is $3.

PAD FUND RAISING DINNER

PAD (Parents Against Drugs) is holding a fund raising dinner on Thursday, May 29, at the Triumph Sheraton Hotel.

PAD is a non-profit volunteer organization established three years ago to work with young people and their families towards a life free of dependence on drugs and alcohol.

Host of the dinner is **Mayor Mel Lastman**. **John Dawe** of Global TV will be master of ceremonies and **Harvey Atkin** of the TV hit Cagney and Lacey will be the guest speaker. Several major corporations have donated door prizes.

Tickets are $65 each, for which a tax receipt will be issued, and are available by calling 225-6604.

NORTHWESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Northwestern General Hospital, 2175 Keele St., invites the community to its open house on Thursday, May 29, from 3.15-5.30 p.m. and 6.15-8 p.m.

Hospital tours will centre around visits to a fully set up operating room, the x-ray department, nuclear medicine, laboratory and some of the new diagnostic services, echocardiography and pulmonary function testing.

Preventative health care displays will be set up and blood pressure testing and blood typing of visitors will be offered by trained hospital staff.

After seeing the inside workings of a general hospital, visitors are invited to enjoy coffee and cake in the cafeteria.

And What Else Is New . . .

SPRING DANCE PARTY

The B'nai B'rith newly established Hungarian group, Theodor Herzl, is holding its first dance party on Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. in the large hall of the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. (behind Sheppard Plaza).

All age groups, singles and couples, are invited. The cost of $4 members, $6 non-members, includes a cold buffet and pastries. Beverages will be available. Music will be by **Len Shapiro** and orchestra.

For information and reservations, call **Agnes Mandl** at 783-3423 or **Eugene Jacob** at 781-3677 or **Richard Satory** at 222-3408.

SUMMER CAMP

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood will be operating its summer camp July 1-Aug. 8 for ages 2½ (as of July 1) to 4 years. Cost is $310 for six weeks, $220 for four weeks and $110 for two weeks (last two weeks only).

For applications, call 781-3511.

MEMBERSHIP FOR DRAMA GROUP

Are you 55 years or over? The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre needs you! Join in the pleasurable activities of singing, dancing and acting every Tuesday afternoon from 1-4 at the centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For further information, contact **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

STUDENTS! BE A VOLUNTEER

The Bilingual Academy of Toronto, located at Bayview and Finch, needs volunteers to assist with the summer camps for 3-7-year-olds. The program is bilingual, French and English, and includes many activities — music, puppetry, arts and crafts and sports.

French-speaking volunteers are preferred for the all-French program, but minimal French would be appropriate for the bilingual program.

If you are 14 years of age or older and would like more information about volunteering this summer, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

ART EXHIBIT

There is still time to catch the exhibit of pastels and oils by **Vivian Felsen** on view at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Downsview, through to Wednesday, May 28. The show is sponsored by the sisterhood.

CENTRAL HIGH REUNION

The Central High School of Commerce celebrates its 75th reunion May 24 and 25 and all students and staff are invited.

It takes place at the school, 570 Shaw St.

For information, call 533-7564.

CHILDREN DISCOVER YORK U

This summer, 9-14-year-old children can experience university life by attending York University's Discovery Summer 86. In its 5th year, Discovery emphasizes hands-on experience in a mini-university program that promotes fun and learning.

Two different sessions run from July 7 to Aug. 15. The first session includes courses in the evolution of music, computer studies, legal systems, space science and politics and people. The second session includes courses in creative arts, law and justice, physics, computer applications and psychology.

Classes are held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children are divided by age into supervised groups of 20. A convocation ceremony, complete with robes and certificates, is held at the end of each session and parents are invited to attend.

There are three time periods — July 7-18 ($175), July 21-Aug. 1 ($175), and Aug. 5-15 ($158). For application forms and further information, call York's admission/liaison office at 667-2334.

at thejcc

A informal evening of discussion on Inuit art takes place Monday, May 26, at 8 p.m. at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. with collectors of Inuit art **Terry Ryan, Sam Sarick** and **Harry Klamer**.

The Art of the Inuit film series continues at the Koffler Gallery on Thursday, May 29, with The Living Stone with Eskimo artist **Kenojuak**. The time is 12.30 p.m. and admission is free.

The Bloor JCC is again presenting the Summer Fun Program for boys and girls 5-10 years of age. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., offering a wide variety of activities geared toward creating an atmosphere of care, learning and cooperation for all involved. Session 1 runs Monday, June 30-Friday, July 11 (no session Thursday, July 1); Session 2 from Monday, July 14-Friday, July 25; Session 3 from Monday, July 28-Friday, Aug. 8 (no session Monday, Aug. 4), and Session 4 from Monday, Aug. 11-Friday, Aug. 22. Fee is $110 JCC members per session, $150 non-members per session. Extended Day Service of an additional hour of supervision from 3.30-4.30 p.m. will be available for a daily fee of $4. For more information, call **Florence Marantz** or **Jeff Ross** at 924-6211. Sessions are filling up quickly!

At the Koffler Gallery, the May 22 program of The Art of the Inuit film series has been changed. Instead of Legends and Life of the Inuit, film director **Jessie Nishikata** will be present to discuss his two films on theatre by indigenous people — Tukak Theatre, a Greenland Inuit theatre based in Denmark, the first professional Inuit theatre, and Open Circle: Gathering of Tribal Peoples in Performance, the Indigenous People Theatre Association gathering from all over the world in Peterborough, Ont., for a 10-day celebration in 1982. Twelve theatre companies are featured. The program is from 12.30-2 p.m. and it is free. For information, call 636-2145.

On Sunday, May 25, the JCC North Y, in conjunction with the Association for Jewish Survival, is presenting a public forum on the topic Can Intermarriage Be Prevented? Panelists include **Rabbi Moshe Stern** of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation; **Alan Feld**, associate chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress; **Monty Robbins**, executive director, Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, and **Ellen Cooper**, past chairman, NAHON (North American High School Organization Network). The time is 7.30 p.m. at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is $1. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call **Elizabeth** at 636-1880, ext. 228.

for seniors

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The annual luncheon honoring volunteers of the **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** will take place on Monday, May 26, at 12.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. In appreciation of their time and efforts, this will be a free luncheon for the volunteers. Charge for members is $3.50 and for guests it is $4.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, May 27, for lunch and entertainment at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. If you are interested in the daily trips, be sure to come out. For information, see **Shirlet Grotell** at the meeting.

Discount cards entitling senior citizens to many discounts in Don Mills and surrounding areas will be available Friday, May 30, from noon to 3 p.m. at **Taylor Place**, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills (corner of The Donway West). The discount card and booklet can be purchased by persons 55 and over for $6. For those already on the program, an updated booklet can be purchased for $1. For further information, call Taylor Place at 447-7244.

Middle East dancer **Tova** will entertain at the Tuesday, May 27, meeting of the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Refreshments and coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome. Charge for non-members is $1.50.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni will meet on Wednesday, May 28, at 1.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Program will feature a piano and violin concert with violinist **Jossi Peleg**.

The **Bloor Jewish Community Centre Good Age Club**, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), is open to interested members of the community. The Thursday afternoon drop-in, providing a social and informative program, meets at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $5 membership for one year plus 50¢ for members and 75¢ for non-members weekly. For information, call **Florence Marantz** or **Annette Anker** at 924-6211.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., there will be social dancing for persons 55 and over on Thursday, May 22, from 7-8.30 p.m. Join in an evening of dancing. Learn the dance steps you always wanted to know — waltz, tango, foxtrot, cha cha, rhumba, swing — taught by a professional. Singles and couples are welcome. Bring a friend. Cost is $3 per person. Please register at the centre office.

The **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, takes place Sunday, May 25, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the centre's Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program meets on Monday, May 26, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Self-Help Widowers Program for men over 55 years of age is set for Wednesday, May 28, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Membership for the drama group — Are you 55 years or over? **The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre** needs you! Join in the pleasurable activities of singing, dancing and acting every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. at the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, local 2271.

Senior Citizens Neighborhood Club, which meets at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St., is celebrating the 38th anniversary of Israel's independence and also the birthday of member **Lou Morgan** with a free luncheon on Tuesday, May 27, at noon. All members and their wives are invited. Guest speaker **Rabbi David Monson** will talk about the 38th Israel Independence Day and 41 Years After the Holocaust.....The club has room for new members. It is open five days a week and coffee and bagels are served daily. **Isaac Manaka** is president, **Percy Horowitz** is vice-president and **Harry Hoffman** is secretary. For information call the club at 635-9416.

The **Good Age Club of the Jewish Community Centre**, 4588 Bathurst St., will be meeting on Tuesday, May 27, in the Good Age Lounge to hear speaker **Brian Harling**, president of Ontario NDP. His topic will be Issues Concerning Seniors — such as extra billing, drugs, dental care. There is no charge. For information, contact **Teme Kernerman** at the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 234.

The line and ballroom dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt**. There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The annual general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

The Sunday afternoon program on May 25 features **Blanche Bennett**, the Sweetheart of the Keyboard. The time is 2 p.m. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

Then on Sunday evening, May 25, dance to the music of the Creative Band from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

Musician-composer **Rick Kardonne** concludes the 2-part series on **Avrom Goldfaden**, Music and Song, on Monday, May 26, at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue. Fee is $1.

singles

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Total Living Mature Singles is having a general meeting on Sunday, May 25, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. A most interesting program is planned with **Gary Begg** of Humber College who will offer some enlightening insights into what's happening in the world today. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members.

You and Your Sexual Feelings is the topic of the Sunday, May 25, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple 40 Plus Singles** (also known as Every Other Sunday Group). Guest lecturer will be **Jean Jablonski** of Humber College department of human studies. The time is 8 p.m. in the Smith Hall foyer of the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Discussion will follow and refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members.

Members of **Kallanit Chapter, Na'amat Pioneer Women** (mid-20s to mid-30s) invite other young women to join them at a membership evening and hear about Psychic Phenomena on Thursday, May 29, at 7.30 p.m. For further information, call 787-1069 or 636-5425.

Are you interested in stage and screen events or outdoor activities? If so, **Club Moriah** is for you. An extensive spring and summer program is planned with in-town plays and films, camping and hiking trips, plus the possibility of excursions to Stratford and/or Shaw Festivals. For more information, 20-30-year-olds can call **Ray** at 638-6005, 30-40-year-olds call **Paul** at 783-3019. Leave a message if your call is not answered in person.

Holy Blossom Temple Singles/Single Parents Group announces the **Floating Singles Congregation** will meet on Friday, May 23, at 8.30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

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YESHIVA U GRAD

Yeshiva University graduate Marc Belzberg (right), son of Vancouver businessman Sam Belzberg, told a Toronto audience of young professionals how his courses helped broaden his understanding of Judaism. The evening was hosted by Allan and Hinda Silber (centre) for the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University. National director is Rabbi Jerry Lipsitz (left). Silber is general chairman of the group's June 17 dinner honoring Lewis Moses, Kurt Rothschild and Nachman Sokol. [Mani Melnick photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

[Cont'd. from page 15]

Sermon will be delivered by **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**. Refreshments and socializing will follow the service.

Singles from Toronto, Detroit, Buffalo, Montreal and Ottawa are invited to the **Metro Toronto Singles** Intercity Singles Gala taking place Sunday, May 25, at 8 p.m. at Richmond Hill Country Club on Bathurst St. (½ mile north of Hwy 7). Cover is $8. Call **Sid** at 222-7111.....Metro Toronto Singles annual singles weekend will be held at Cleveland's House in Muskoka from Friday, Sept. 5, to Sunday, Sept. 7. The price of the weekend (includes accommodations, facilities, meals and singles activities) is $195 until July 1 and $205 after. Some 350 Jewish singles from across Canada and the U.S. are expected to attend. For information and/or brochure, call Sid at 222-7111.

Northern Singles 40 Plus invites you to an evening of mingling, music, refreshments and more on Monday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Upstairs Lounge of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is $1 JCC members with cards, $2 non-members.

Club Haifa (ages 23-45) invites you to come and enjoy the great sounds of **Archie** on Saturday, May 24, until 2 a.m. at Mardi Gras Restaurant, 97 Cumberland Ave. Dress is casual but no jeans please. Cover is $3 and there is a cash bar.....If you are interested in jazz, the Mardi Gras features it on Sundays from 7-11 p.m. There is no cover charge.

About People

MAGEN DAVID OFFICERS

Elections were held recently at Magen David Sephardic Congregation and the following officers were elected for the 1986/87 term: **Elie Mimran**, president; **George Cantkier**, 1st vice-president; **Gad Elmaleh**, 2nd vice-president; **Dr. Martin Dobkin**, chairman of the board and treasurer; **Leon Moyal**, secretary; **Michel Ohana**, chairman of finance and property committee; **Gabriel Azeroual**, chairman of religious and cemetery committee, and **Albert Ohana**, chairman of social and membership committee; Maurice Moryoussef is immediate past president.

BB CANADA AWARD OF MERIT

Senator Guy Charbonneau will be the recipient of the 1986 B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit for the City of Montreal. This award will be presented Monday, June 2, at a black tie dinner dance at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal.

Senator Charbonneau

Guy Charbonneau was appointed a member of the Senate in 1979. He was named speaker of the Senate by **Prime Minister Brian Mulroney** in October 1984.

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Israeli ambassador to the United States, **Meir Rosenne**, will be the keynote speaker at a Toronto reception on Wednesday, May 28, to launch the building campaign for ORT's 100th school in Israel, located in Karmiel.

Ambassador Rosenne

Guest of honor for the evening will be **Avie Bennett**, who endowed the Chair in Jewish Literature in honor of his mother, **Sophie Bennett**.

The program will include favorite opera arias performed by the Toronto Opera Repertoire. The Canadian commitment to the ORT Karmiel building campaign is $2½ million. The school is slated to open in the fall of 1987.

For information, contact the ORT office at 787-0339.

Authors on Jewish life win 86 book awards

NEW YORK —

Authors of 10 works on various aspects of Jewish life are the winners of the 1986 National Jewish Books Awards, Blu Greenberg, president of the JWB Jewish Book Council, has announced. The winning authors will receive their awards here at a ceremony on June 3.

The winners are:

• Jewish Thought: David Hartman for A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism.

• Biography: Jehuda Reinharz for Chaim Weizmann: The Making of a Zionist Leader.

• Fiction: Arnost Lustig for The Unloved: From The Dairy of Perla S., translated by Vera Kalina-Levine.

• Holocaust: Raul Hillberg for The Destruction of the European Jews: Revised and Definitive Edition.

• Israel: Steven Spiegel for The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict: Making America's Middle East Policy from Truman to Reagan.

• Jewish history: Robert Liberles for Religious Conflict in Social Context: The Resurgence of Orthodox Judaism in Frankfurt Am Main, 1838-1877.

• Scholarship: Michael Fishbane for Biblical Interpretation in Ancient Israel.

• Visual arts: Carol Krinsky for Synagogues of Europe: Architecture, History, Meaning.

• Children's literature: Linda Atkinson for In Kindling Flame: The Story of Hannah Senesh, 1921-1944 (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard).

• Illustrated children's book: Florence Freedman for Brothers, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker.

A cash prize of $750 and a certificate of recognition will be given to each winning author, and a citation will be presented to the publishers.

Among past winners of the awards — widely considered to be the highest recognition in American Jewish literature — are Cynthia Ozick, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Elie Wiesel, Bernard Malamud, John Hersey, Irving Howe, Leon Uris and Philip Roth.

H-bomb "father" to speak here

TORONTO —

World renowned scientist Dr. Edward Teller will be a guest lecturer in early June at the University of Toronto under the auspices of the Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel.

Dr. Edward Teller

Teller, best known as "Father of the Hydrogen Bomb," is an advisor to U.S. President Reagan on Star Wars and is a prolific author.

A private reception will be held in Teller's honor at the University of Toronto Faculty Club. It will be hosted by Dr. F. H. Lowy, dean of medicine at the university and chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel, and Dr. Philip Klotz, urology professor and chairman of the Canadian Friends, Toronto Branch.

The reception will be attended by community leaders and researchers at the University of Toronto.

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Media coverage criticized at CJC plenary forum

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — Recommendations on media coverage of terrorist related events were criticized by speakers at a Canadian Jewish Congress plenary forum entitled Getting the Perspective Right: Media Problems with Long Term Coverage.

Joan Fraser, editorial page editor of the Montreal Gazette and Peter Desbarats, dean of the University of Western Ontario's Graduate School of Journalism, differed in their responses, but were critical of suggestions compiled by the Pacific Region of the CJC and presented during a question session at the forum.

Those recommendations included: pooling footage of hostage and terrorist events to end media competition for exclusives; avoiding live or unedited coverage of terrorist acts; freeing hostage families from interviews; use of crawl lines — typed messages at the bottom of the screen with information rather than breaking into regularly scheduled programs to avoid dramatization; avoiding asking political questions to hostages; and down-playing staged events.

Desbarats said he thought the recommendations would be "very destructive" to the media and the kind of society we live in.

If a hostage situation occurred in the Soviet Union, said Desbarats, these prohibitions would be enforced: "It is in a society of control that this is met."

While there are flaws in Western media coverage of terrorist events, he said, we are willing to pay the price because it is part of democracy.

And despite those flaws, the western media are more efficient at getting the story out and getting it more accurately, he said.

Desbarats added that he did not defend everything the media do, but said their actions are inherent in the political system.

Fraser admitted that most of the points are worth thinking about, but she explained that members of the media are always careful about prohibitions on expression and hesitate adopting recommendations from the outside.

Pooling footage is a problem if only because there is a need for variety and media organizations are naturally competitive, she said. Since many political events are staged, she wondered, how reporters could determine which ones to play up and which to play down.

Fraser also commented that there is a difference between coverage in print and through the electronic media, and that the problems the recommendations address appear to be primarily with broadcast coverage.

"We will inevitably make some mistakes and all we can do is try to do better next time," said Fraser. "Our sins are sins of ignorance and not of bias."

On the problems of long-term coverage, Fraser asked rhetorically: What is the justification of the journalist's work?

Messages must get out

Among the answers journalists give, she said, were the requirements of democracy, and the duty of the press to inform the public about what in society needs to be fixed.

And while papers publish substantial amounts of material which put things in broader perspective, "we can't repeat history lessons every day. That is not our job.

"We will always devote space to the here and now concerns where there is competition for space," said Fraser.

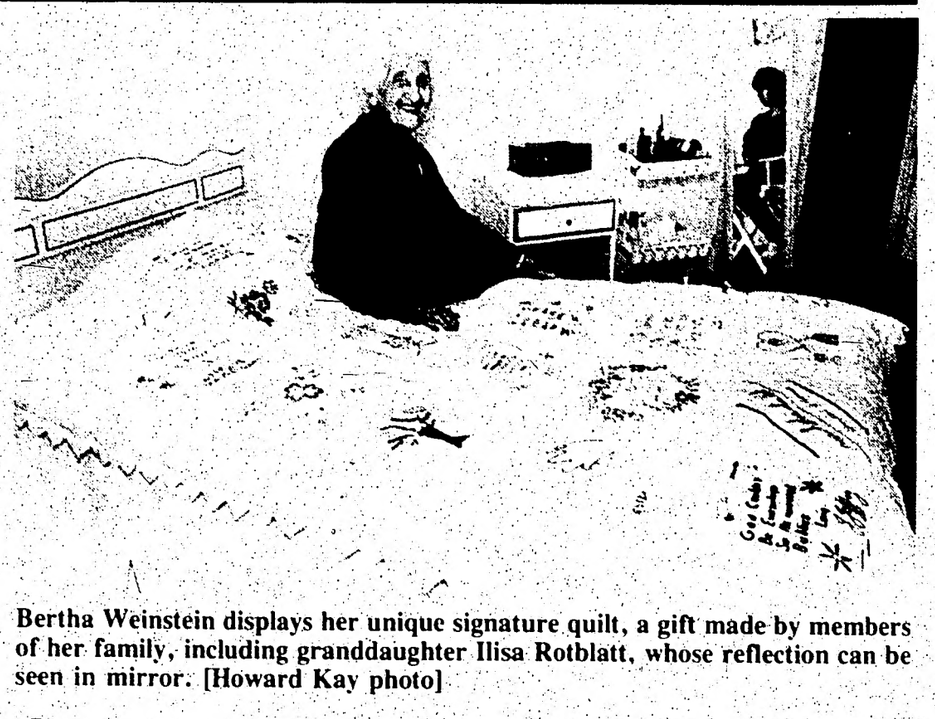
Different readers expect different things from their newspaper, and one man's truth is another man's propoganda, she added.

"Journalists believe in their heart and soul that all the messages must get out...we believe that from that competition, truth and justice will come out."

Desbarats explained the problem with long-term coverage by giving the audience a guided tour through the constraints and pressures the media face.

He compared work within the media with being in a pressure cooker — a day after day fight with budgets, space limitations, influences from governments, corporations, lobbyists, and always, always the clock to get the product out.

Despite these stresses, the quality of Canadian journalism and Canadian journalists is pretty good and getting better, Desbarats said.



Bertha Weinstein displays her unique signature quilt, a gift made by members of her family, including granddaughter Ilisa Rotblatt, whose reflection can be seen in mirror. [Howard Kay photo]

Signature quilt proves special as family honors mother

MONTREAL — Libby Shiller decided that her 85-year-old mother deserved to be honored in a special way this year. The former Montrealer, now living in Willowdale, Ont., made her mother Bertha Weinstein of Chomedey, a signature quilt.

The quilt consists of 24, 10 inch by 10 inch squares. Members of the family were each sent a square on which they were invited to embroider some remembrance or expression of affection. It could be a picture, a joke, a message — or whatever they wanted. Each was asked to sign their square.

The squares went out to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her brothers and sister, in different parts of the country. The finished squares were returned to Shiller who made up the quilt.

One relative actually embroidered a quotation from Shakespeare — Weinstein's favorite playwright.

"Although I so often hear 'I have never embroidered in my life — I don't even know how to sew.' I was truly amazed at how creative my family could be," said Shiller.

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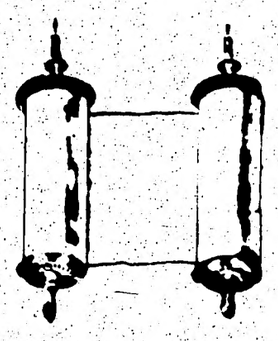

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Behar

The earth of Eretz Yisrael is sacred. Every stone and plowed furrow cries out: "Jews, come home to me!"

Today we import thousands of beautiful esrogim from Israel. In the time of the Vilna Gaon, before railroads, there came a year that no esrogim could be found. But how could the Gaon be without an esrog?

They sent out a special messenger to find an esrog. He traveled throughout Russia. Finally he found an inn-keeper who managed to acquire an esrog. The messenger offered him a huge sum.

"I didn't buy an esrog to do business with it," answered the inn-keeper.

"But it's for the Vilna Gaon!"

"Oh, then I will give it to him — but on condition that I get the credit for doing the mitzvah!"

The messenger had to agree. He returned with the esrog, everyone rejoiced except the messenger, who had to tell the Gaon what the "condition" of the mitzvah was.

But when the Gaon heard that the credit for the mitzvah would go to another Jew, he was joyous: "Now I can do the mitzvah for the sake of Heaven — not for reward!"

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Who can measure Eretz Yisrael?

Said Reb Nachman Breslov: "When I visited Eretz Israel I first truly understood the words of the Torah — "asher anee notain lachem. . . . The land which I am giving thee."

Eretz Yisrael preserves our people, let's walk with our head high!

Said Reb Shmuel Mohliver (one of the religious pioneers of the rebirth of Eretz Israel): God commanded that on the jubilee year — "vishavtem ish el achuzato. . . . Every man will return to his landed possession, and every man will return to his family."

What is the connection? That when the Jewish people return to its "achuzato," to its birthright, its land — then Israel will return to its family. . . . Only then will we be able to guarantee the Jewish family won't dissolve into assimilation.

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Israel and the Jewish people are one.

When the name of the famed Moses Montefiore reached Poland, with his wealth and charity, the saintly Reb Bunim wondered once aloud, "why doesn't he buy Palestine from the Turks?"

"But rebbe," responded one of his chassidim, "what good will it be if he buys it? We still have to wait for the redemption?"

Answered Reb Bunim: "Know, when the land of Israel is redeemed from the hand of strangers, that is bringing closer the redemption."

There are new powers afoot to destroy Israel. There are those — even in Toronto — who plan to dismantle the Jewish state.

Bchol dor vidor . . . in every generation, the war against the Jew takes on new names and new faces, but the end is the same — Jew, you are different! Jew, you have no right to your own land!"

Will they succeed?

The Almighty will not allow it.

We will not allow it. Shabbat Shalom.

Military memorabilia

Display upsets Hungarian Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Members of Toronto's small Hungarian Jewish community are upset at a museum exhibit displaying photographs and artifacts of the Royal Hungarian Gendarmerie, a pro-Nazi police force that rounded up thousands of Hungarian Jews for deportation during World War II.

The exhibition is part of a larger permanent display of Hungarian military memorabilia opened last year at the Hungarian-Canadian Cultural Centre on St. Clair Ave. W.

It displays photographs of the force as well as the pistols, medals, uniforms and plumed hats its feared members wore. Some pictures show Gendarmerie members shaking hands with German soldiers.

The Gendarmerie helped German forces round up some 600,000 Hungarian Jews between 1942 and 1945 to be taken to their deaths mainly at the Dachau and Auschwitz camps.

In early 1942, the force machine-gunned 3,309 Jews — old men, women and children — at the frozen banks of the Danube River in Budapest and dumped the bodies into the water. The event came to be known as the Danube River Massacre. Officers involved in the incident received the death penalty for war crimes.

According to several Hungarian Jewish Holocaust survivors interviewed, the Gendarmerie had been active in anti-Jewish campaigns as long ago as 1870, the year of its founding. It is said the force was especially brutal in the Hungarian countryside. The Gendarmerie was outlawed at the end of the war.

"They were like wild animals. Everyone was scared of them," Eugene Jacobs, a member of B'nai B'rith Canada's Hungarian Lodge, told The CJN.

Jacobs said he was a forced laborer in wartime Budapest and the Gendarmerie deported his wife to a concentration camp. She eventually escaped.

Throughout the war years, the Gendarmerie enforced anti-Jewish laws written by the Nazis, which included the compulsory wearing of the yellow Star of David.

The museum exhibit "is very, very painful," and he said he would not go see it.

Andrew Taryan, the editor of Menorah, a Hungarian-Jewish weekly newspaper in Toronto, said the exhibit "is a tragedy," and that he could not bring himself to see it. He said most of his relatives were deported to death camps by the Gendarmerie and he was saved with the indirect aid of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish hero who personally rescued some 100,000 Hungarian Jews from certain death.

The artifacts were privately owned by Charles Szatmary, a Gendarmerie captain who came to Canada in 1951 and donated the collection to the centre before his death in 1984.

The president of the cultural centre, Joseph Ormay, was unavailable for comment but he told a Toronto newspaper the exhibit "is going to stay. It is not directed against anyone in particular."

George Gabori, who worked in the Hungarian underground and was eventually deported to Dachau by the force, said he is not as upset with the exhibit as he is with what he thought was the federal government's multiculturalism department for having helped fund it.

However, Barbara Malone of the ministry of state for multiculturalism told The CJN her department did not have a hand in financing the project.

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Tourism councils promote vacations in Israel

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Tourism is one of the largest foreign currency earners in Israel and it is vital for the future of Israel's economy and employment says Alex Serota, the chairman of the tourism council in Toronto which was formed in February to help increase tourism to Israel in a more active way.

At a meeting of travel agents, representatives of major Jewish organizations and congregations held recently at the offices of the State of Israel Bonds, Serota, who is the associate chairman of Bonds for Toronto, said tourism councils are being formed in every major city in North America.

The councils are an integral part of Operation Independence, prominent international Jewish business leaders who make up a task force initiated by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. These leaders committed their skills and experience to helping Israel achieve economic independence through an expanded relationship between world Jewry and Israeli-based businesses.

Serota said that "with great enthusiasm which has generated much excitement," world leaders in industry and commerce in the Diaspora and in Israel, headed by Max Fisher of Detroit, Charles Bronfman of Montreal, and Morton Mandell of Cleveland, have established Operation Independence to increase Israeli exports, encourage investment in Israel and tourism to Israel.

Phil Granovsky was appointed to head up the national tourism committee along with Ray Wolfe and Adrienne Offman.

Serota noted that Wolfe has just returned from Israel with a group of 300 dealers and sales people and their spouses from the Oshawa Group. He added that Granovsky headed a similar tour for Atlantic Packaging dealers and salespeople.

"Wolfe and Granovsky have taken it upon themselves to encourage other major Canadian corporations to consider Israel as a destination for their incentive tours."

The State of Israel Bonds, the Jewish National Fund, the Canadian Jewish Congress along with Abraham Drori of the Israeli Government Tourist Office, a representative of El Al, and representatives of major Toronto groups, formed the volunteer committee for increased tourism to Israel.

Serota announced plans for Canada Month in Israel, a month-long festival to be held from Jan. 5 to Feb. 8, 1987, with arrangements for special events, performances, conventions, reunions and religious ceremonies.

Tours have been arranged for interfaith, business, agriculture, science and technology, and other special interest groups. Air fares for Canada Month will be substantially reduced and hotel rates will be reduced by more than 25%.

There will be special seniors' departures for 3-week visits commencing on Nov. 11 to March, 1987, which will include return air fares and hotels for approximately $1,500 Canadian.

"We are anxious to work with tourist agents, with organizations and individuals to create tailor-made itineraries," says Serota. "Many people and groups have special interests and we are prepared to do everything we can to build up the impetus to attract more tourists to Israel where there is so much offered to tourists."

Serota also stressed the need to attract professionals and those interested in arts and culture.

The Toronto council meeting, the first held with travel agents, discussed methods of communicating information on Israeli travel to the public. The travel agents spoke of the exceptional safety record of El Al, Israel's and cultural events, and suggested that a help-line for travel information about Israel be established through the council.

A subcommittee of travel agents was formed to work along with the tourism council to coordinate efforts to implement new programs and tours on a cooperative basis.

Yona Gazit, the executive director in Canada for Operation Independence, who was director of public relations for the Israel Defence Forces from 1974 to 1978 and responsible for hosting special missions to Israel of people who wanted to visit the armed forces, says, "I am enthusiastic about the work of the tourism councils and look forward to an exciting and expanded tourism program."

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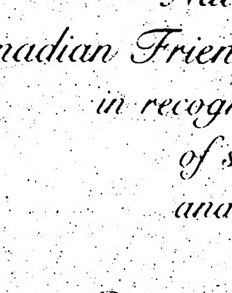

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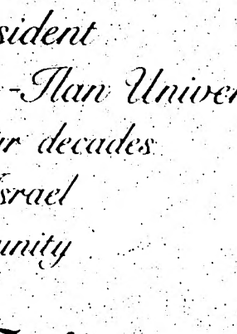

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Hadassah-WIZO, Ira Berg team up

Fashion show raises funds for Youth Aliyah

Present at the recent Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah Fashion Show were life members Lynn Albert (left) her mother Luba Bronstein, and son Kenneth. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Everything was glamorous at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's Youth Aliyah Fashion show and luncheon featuring the "best" of Ira-Berg at the Four Seasons Yorkville recently.

Ira-Berg showcased a symphony of fashion with 18 models presenting more than 100 different looks. The Genny collection, by Italian designer Giani Versace, was particularly resplendent.

There were luscious silks, satins, velvets, leathers, and furs in such rich colors as jade, red, mahogany, amethyst, olive, and fuchsia that created the illusion of pomp and grandeur. Basic black was equally popular.

The length of most skirt ensembles was cut slightly above the knee and shorter than in recent years. Silhouettes were lean and spare, and slim-contoured lines were accentuated by wide waist belts, minimal and understated jewelry, a touch of glitter and rhinestones, and the occasional dollop of feminine frills.

Myrtle Coopersmith, president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, remarked following the show:

"Our Youth Aliyah fund raising campaign has been incredibly successful and is indicative of Toronto as a community who cares.

"Youth Aliyah is about Israeli children. Many are sick, lonely, frightened and orphaned. Through our efforts, they are being absorbed, nurtured, educated and healed," she said.

Phyllis Flatt, Youth Aliyah chairman, said that Youth Aliyah has "affected and effected the lives of one out of every 10 Israelis today.

"We are proud of our strong membership that has supported Youth Aliyah for 52 years," said Flatt. "And our thanks go out to the entire Berg family who have helped to make this campaign a resounding success."

A special reception to honor 60 top gift donors was held prior to the luncheon, and all received orchid corsages. The reception was organized by Gift chairman, Paula Cohen and Ilse Seetner.

Also participating in the proceedings, for which a minimum donation of $100 was required, were Cecily Peters, national president, Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, and Fran Sonshine, Youth Aliyah vice-chairman.

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PARKING AT LOBLAWS

A time of sadness, gladness

Emotional service for rabbi

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

For the more than 800 people recently attending a special Memorial Day service for Israeli soldiers at Congregation Shaarei Shomayim, it was a time for sadness and gladness.

"This evening I find myself on an emotional roller coaster literally perched precariously on the horns of a dilemma," said Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim.

On the one hand, Yom Hazikaron is being observed with sadness as the thousands upon thousands of people who gave their lives in the creation and defence of Israel are remembered, he said.

"On the other hand, our hearts fill with joy as we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)," Hoschander said.

"How does one address two such conflicting emotions?

"The simple fact, my friends, is one cannot ride a roller coaster of emotion and lightly trip from sorrow to joy, from sadness to gladness."

The special 2-hour memorial service sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation — was marked by somber prayers and emotion-filled speeches.

"Today, 38 years ago, we did not know what tomorrow would bring," said guest speaker Gideon Saguy, the Toronto-based consul-general of Israel.

"We did not know, my friends, whether Israel would be able to withstand the onslaught of seven Arab nations that was to begin on the Shabbat (the next day)."

Yet, he said, one eye was crying and the other was laughing as Israel gained its independence. "Perhaps you cannot imagine, even today in the Diaspora, the majesty of the moment . . . when in the Tel Aviv Museum the Declaration of Independence was signed."

At the time, Israel was a nation of Jews that just a few years earlier had been decimated during the Holocaust, he said. "One third of its sons and fathers and sisters and parents had been killed. One whole generation totally annihilated."

And yet, the singing of the declaration was a moment "that for 2,000 years in Jewish history had not been experienced," Saguy said.

In a special appearance, Tony Ruprecht, an Ontario minister without portfolio responsible for citizenship and culture was also called to the podium to extend greetings from the provincial government and Premier David Peterson.

Ruprecht told the crowd May 14 would be proclaimed Israel Independence Day in Ontario, and applause thundered when he said: "Israel may be a very small dot on the map of the world, but this small dot is a giant example of democracy."

He said the day was being proclaimed not only in recognition of the "contribution the Jewish community is making to this province and this country, but also in recognition of Jewish contributions in terms of aiding civilization and humanitarian concerns around the world."

After the speeches — including one by Ernst Roll, a 28-year-old lawyer who recently placed second in the 23-to-30 year old youth category of the Canadian Zionist Federation's public speaking contest — the service was concluded with more prayers.

Many of the people then joined hundreds of others in a hall next door to attend a concert by popular Israeli singer David Broza.

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Singles symposium planned

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
For the third year in succession, the Jewish Community Centre, north east branch will hold a "singles symposium" at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Scheduled for Sunday, May 25, beginning at 9 a.m., the symposium offers a full range of discussions led by professionals on topics of concern to single Jews.

Educator and communications specialist Lynn Tribbling will deliver the keynote address on the art of communication with someone new, according to Sally Kerbel, adult group worker at the north-east branch.

Afternoon programs at the day-long session will feature five concurrent seminars. Lawyer James MacDonald will lead a discussion on new family law legislation; insurance broker and financial planner Woody Weinberg will deal with money management for singles; family life educator Debbie Cowitz will discuss making long term relationships work; Toronto Sun columnist Sandy Naiman will discuss "what's great about being single" and Dr. Mimi Divinsky will expand on the "myths and realities" of social diseases of the 1980s.

Last year's symposium attracted more than 125 people, said Miriam Pinchuk, chairperson for the program, and organizers are gearing up for a similar number this time around.

As in the past, the event is aimed primarily at those between 30-50 years old, with this year's program promising to be "more sophisticated" and designed to "meet the needs of those who have been single longer," said Pinchuk.

"People are coming into new relationships while dancing to the old dance steps," she said. Those participating in the symposium can learn new ways of making contacts and networking and they may even meet people with similar interests at the workshops, she adds.

Cost for the program is $25, including lunch. Organizers ask those planning to attend to preregister by contacting Sally Kerbel at (416) 889-0813.

Reena Foundation fetes businessman Sol Unger

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —
The Reena Foundation has presented its first Employer of the Year Award to a Toronto businessman for providing a job to a developmentally handicapped person and for his support of the foundation's work to integrate the developmentally handicapped into society.

Act II owner Sol Unger, who has employed Howard Latchman for the past three years, received the award at the foundation's recent annual meeting.

Outgoing president, Eleanor London, presented the plaque with the help of Latchman at the meeting attended by foundation members, staff and clients in the gymnasium of the Reena Cartwright Resource Centre.

Unger told The CJN the experience has been gratifying and described Latchman as an excellent worker who completes all tasks diligently.

London, in her report to the meeting, stressed the need to be creative in helping developmentally handicapped people lead dignified lives. Although she is at the end of a 2-year term, London pledged she "will continue to be their strong advocate and friend."

Syrma Kochberg, a past president, presented London with a pin in recognition of her service to the foundation. She recapped London's achievements as president, the establishment of excellent relations with the Ontario ministry of community and social services and the creation of the Cartwright Centre, where clients learn vocational, self-help and socialization skills.

The Reena Foundation is a non-profit organization created in 1974 by Rabbi Joseph Kelman to provide community residences for Jewish developmentally handicapped people. Volunteers and staff help foster independence and participation in the community by providing residential services such as kosher group homes, an apartment program and a camp.

The foundation is a "unique organization that cares for people beyond its mandate," Sandra Lang, Toronto area manager of childrens' services of the ministry of community and social services, told the meeting.

A major goal in the coming year is the development of more work places for our clients, Sandy Keshen, the executive director, told The CJN. There are currently four people working in businesses ranging from a restaurant to a day care centre.

Kelman, the founding president, officially named the following people to the board of directors for 1986/1987: Bernard Federman, Larry Ginsberg, Jim Graff, Herb Greenbaum, Wilf Horwich, Manny Kapp, Reva Karstadt, Dr. Larry Lerner, Al Levin, Harley Mintz, Jerry Panet, Jerry Potasky, Marilyn Raphael, Paul Richmond, Sam Ruth, Les Saperia, Marvin Sniderman, Ralph Snow, Howard Ungerman and Harold Wodinsky.

The directors will elect a new president at a meeting of the board on June 5.

Greenberg correction

It was incorrectly stated in a headline in the edition of May 15 that Rebbitzen Esther Greenberg's lecture series will be presented by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. The series is sponsored by the Va'ad HaRabanim of Greater Toronto, the Meginei Chana and the Orthodox synagogues of Toronto.

Seen at the official opening of the Holocaust Educational and Memorial Centre are Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, (left); Rt. Rev. Arthur Brown, Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Toronto; and Gerda Frieberg, centre committee chairman.

Righteous Gentiles' role recalled at ceremony

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Righteous Gentiles should be remembered and honored as well as victims of the Holocaust, a gathering was told at the official opening of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St.

While we must perpetuate the memory of the victims, "we must honor the memory of those who did not stand by . . . who risked everything to help us," said Gerda Frieberg, chairman of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre Committee.

Echoing Frieberg's words, the Rt. Rev. Arthur Brown, Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, said that while the depravity to which mankind can descend should not be forgotten, "neither should we forget the goodness, compassion and love that can exist."

It is easy, he warned, to divide into different communities and to create, albeit unconsciously, individual ghettos. "We know from 1939 how quickly even God-fearing people can pull apart from each other."

Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, said that he believed that now we are more aware of what being a Jew and a Christian should mean. "If we had all learned this lesson 45 years ago, maybe the tragedy would not have happened."

The audience was given the opportunity to tour the Centre, and to view the film From Out of the Depths, which portrays not only the horror of Nazism, but also Jewish resistance and people who helped those in danger.

One of the most moving exhibits in the centre is a set of four small statues created by sculptor Harry Ostrzega on the theme of the Warsaw Ghetto. No one looking at the tender, yet unbearably sad faces depicted turned away without an audible sigh.

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"Human cell sleuth" Dr. Aser Rothstein honored

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

To pursue successful research, according to the Nobel Prize-winning German bacteriologist Paul Ehrlich, a scientist must depend on the three big Gs.

They are Geduld (German for patience), Gluck (luck) and Geld (money).

That witticism was quoted last week by Dr. Aser Rothstein, who is richly blessed with all three elements — and plenty of other sterling qualities.

He's the 68-year-old research director of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, internationally renowned by his fellow scientists as the "human cell sleuth."

At a $500-a-couple, blacktie tribute dinner, attended by 500 of his friends at the Sheraton Centre's Dominion Ballroom, he was also hailed as a "modern Rennaisance man" — poet, sportsman, academician, patron of the arts, humanitarian, and brilliant scientist, especially in unraveling the mysteries of cystic fibrosis, which destroys children's lungs.

A good amount of geld was collected by the dinner's two co-sponsors — the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute and the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Dysautonomia Foundation which is devoted to conquering the hereditary disease afflicting Jewish Ashkenazi children from Eastern Europe.

They raised $300,000 which will be used to establish the Aser Rothstein Career Development Chair in Genetic Diseases at the Weizmann's campus in Rehovot, midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Several distinguished speakers from Toronto's medical community resorted to their own poetry when paying tribute to the Vancouver-born Dr. Rothstein, known for his poesy.

Among them was Dr. Louis Siminovitch, director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute, who introduced the honoree with this cat-and-doggerel verse:

The Rothstein influence has been felt far and wide;
For young and old scientists he's been mentor and guide.
He's succeeded superbly to wear many a hat —
A researcher, administrator and smooth diplomat.

Dr. Reva Gerstein, vice-chairman of the Hospital for Sick Children, praised Rothstein as "the unflappable Aser," who never lost his temper though he served as "leader of the band" of 700 staff members working on 300 different research projects.

Rothstein himself said he was proud to be associated with the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"Israel has no resources to speak of," he said. "Its future depends on its brains. And in the use of those brains, the Weizmann stands up front in contributing scientific knowledge to the world."

Of the various attributes needed to make a trail-blazing scientist, he listed persistence, a childlike curiosity, intelligence, creative artistry, and an analytical mind.

"But you must never overlook oldfashioned Jewish *mazel*," he said. "You need a lot of luck, so that you're well prepared to catch an accidental finding and turn it into a meaningful scientific discovery."

The evening's wittiest quip was delivered by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson spiritual leader of Temple Sinai. In a droll reference to the recent presidential elections in Austria, he said:

"I must admit to being fascinated by genetic manipulations since being introduced recently to Waldheimer's disease. It's an offshoot of Alzheimer's disease. And it means that as you grow older, you forget your Nazi past."

Other speakers included land developer David Dennis, owner of the Bristol Place Hotel, who is new president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann; Bertha Dermer, president and founder of the Toronto chapter of the Dysautonomia Foundation, which has recently started a new Tikvah chapter for young people; Dr. George Connell, president of University of Toronto; James Tory, chairman of the board of trustees for the Hospital for Sick Children; Dr. Charles Hollenberg, vice-provost of health sciences, University of Toronto; and Dr. Allan Gordon, co-chairman of the evening's steering committee.

Others present who helped organize the dinner included Dr. Sydney H. Katz, Dr. Brenda Kane-Cipin, Daniel Kert, Irving and Ruth Frisch, Carol Gordon, Marion Kert, Charles Weinberg, Jill Gluskin, Cynthia Hands, Stephen Burns, Lily Barr and Edie Baer.

Other notables attending included Tom Beck, national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann; Jimmy Kay, chairman of the Society; Murray Koffler, chairman emeritus of the Society; Metro Chairman C. Dennis Flynn; Ontario Opposition leader Larry Grossman; Dr. Arnold Aberman; Dr. Harry Bain; Dr. Martin Barkin; Dr. Barnett Berris; Dr. Arthur A. M. Bookman; Dr. Harvey Coopersmith; Dr. Gordon Donsky; Dr. Robert Ehrlich; Dr. Samuel O. Freedman; Dr. Henry G. Frisen; Dr. Irving B. Fritz; Dr. Seymour Frydrych; Dr. Ralph Garber; Dr. Paul Garfinkel; Dr. Robert Greenbaum.

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Dr. Aser Rothstein, centre, is toasted by presidents of the two organizations honoring him at tribute dinner, Bertha Dermer of the Toronto chapter of the Dysautonomia Foundation and David Dennis of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute. [Graphic Artists photo]

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Thirty years ago, a young, vivacious, footloose Scottish Presbyterian from the obscure village of Inverallochy decided to see "the colonies."

She thought she'd visit Canada for one year, proceed to Australia and then return to Scotland to resume her liberal arts education at the University of Edinburgh.

But Gay Berger never went back.

She met a nice Jewish boy, dated him for 2½ years and married him after converting to Judaism.

Gay Berger, who never met a Jew until her arrival in Canada, has come a long way Jewishly since 1956.

A fundraiser par excellence, she is a former UJA Women's Division campaign chairperson who was once national president of United Israel Appeal's Womens Division. The mother of two college-age boys, Berger has also served on the executive of Toronto Jewish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress and Haddassah-WIZO.

"Did I know I'd turn into a super Jew?" she asks rhetorically. "I didn't know. I was living in a white bread mayonnaise world without Jews."

Indeed she was.

Inverallochy, a herring village in the northeast corner of Scotland, lies hard by the gray, brooding North Sea. The people, hearty, down-to-earth folk, stem from Scottish and Scandinavian roots. Buchan, a local dialect consisting of old German, Swedish and English, is widely spoken in Inverallochy. Three decades on, Gay Berger can converse in Buchan with the best of them.

The North Sea oil boom has raised Inverallochy's population from 600 to about 2,000, but it remains timeless in its simplicity and remoteness. By plane and car from Edinburgh, the trip to Inverallochy takes about two hours. But it is further than that. As Berger puts it: "Inverallochy is two centuries away from London — another world."

Her father, Robert, was a roaming photographer and her mother, Mary, packed herring before she became a shop steward in a union and studied at Oxford University.

Berger, a warm woman of 50 with immense reserves of sparkling charm, recalls her early years in her village. "We were as poor as anyone else, but we lived in a modern home with electricity. I can remember going to a well with a wooden yoke to collect water for a spinster aunt. I learned to cook over an open peat fire."

Finishing high school in Edinburgh, Berger proceeded to university. She enjoyed the academic challenge, but she was possessed by a wanderlust which had taken her all over the European continent. After her second year, she left Edinburgh, thinking she'd be back.

In Toronto, where she took a job in an accountant's office, she had a "rip-roaring good time," meeting all sorts of interesting people. Through a mutual friend, she met her future husband, John, a mechanical engineer from the University of Toronto. "At some point, I knew he was Jewish, but it didn't mean a thing to me at the time."

Born in Berlin two years before Hitler's accession to power, John Berger was the son of assimilated German Jews: Stephen, a civil engineer, is a Jewish communal leader here, and Edith is a PhD in political economy.

The Bergers got John out of Nazi Germany through the Joint Distribution Committee, which is funded by UJA. They came to Canada a little later.

Neither John, nor his parents, ever pressured Gay to convert to Judaism. But Gay, after learning that Jewishness is transferred to children through a mother, decided she would become a Jew.

Gay Berger

She was driven by yet another motive. "John's family lost more than 100 relatives in the Holocaust, and I felt it would have been a small victory for the Nazis if he hadn't carried on the Jewish tradition."

Her parents had no objection to their daughter marrying a Jew. "They would have asked me only to marry a 'mensch,' if they had know what that was."

In 1961, Jordan Pearlson, a Reform rabbi, converted Berger. A few months after her marriage, UJA asked her to canvass. "As a convert and a new Jew, I had no idea what it was. But I agreed to do it."

She was no stranger to voluntary work, having canvassed for the Queen Street Mental Hospital and the Bloorview School for Crippled Children. "I was raised with a keen sense of social responsibility and obligation," she says. "I felt it natural to help those not in good health."

She was an excellent canvasser, impressing everyone with her enthusiasm, charming personality and penchant for hard work. Today, she holds no major positions in Jewish communal organizations, but still speaks to synagogue groups on topics like the current situation in Israel (she led the first Women's International UIA-Keren Hayesod mission to Israel), volunteerism and UJA.

As corny as it may sound, she has a special place in her heart for UJA. "When I found out that Johnny had been rescued by UJA money, I felt a personal responsibility to became part of that organization."

A voracious reader of Jewish history, Berger is an inveterate traveler. And not surprisingly, one of her favorite destinations is Scotland. Twice a year, she goes back to Inverallochy to renew her ties with her large extended family, to whom she is very close. "Inverallochy still looks wonderful to me," she says. "It has a simple way of life I appreciate. John loves it too, and he loves to be with my family, because they're funny and warm and zany."

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Organizations and People

Baycrest formulating a policy

Doctors face a dilemma over dying patients

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Death comes to us all. For some, it's unexpected and cuts a life tragically short; for others, it may come as a welcome relief.

At the Baycrest Hospital, as elsewhere, doctors and staff are wrestling with the dilemma of what to do when the heart of an aged patient comes to a sudden stop. Should they employ the heroic measures available to modern medicine in an attempt to save the patient, or should they respect a patient's wish to "let me go?"

Dr. Michael Gordon has had to face that issue on a case-by-case basis in his practice at the Baycrest and Mt. Sinai Hospitals. Gordon, a geriatrician, is an advocate for the right of the elderly to determine their own fate — to be able to say to their doctor, "I don't want anymore."

For Gordon, the question of applying heroic measures like cardio-pulminary resuscitation (CPR — external massage of the heart which can break a patient's ribs, electric stimulus, application of drugs) means balancing technology with humanity.

In an chapter written for a book on geriatric medicine, Gordon states: "Many of our elderly, ill and heavily dependent patients in institutions should be spared the need to spend their last hours agonizingly trapped in the jaws of medical technology. For many, a gentle end is desired and by withholding the powers of technology, we are humanely allowing our patients such an end."

Gordon, 45, senior medical consultant at the Baycrest Centre, says some doctors wrongly estimate what patients want. "Many tell doctors that even if they could survive cardiac arrest (where the heart stops) they wouldn't want CPR anyway...They've come to terms with their lives."

At Baycrest, he says, "we're in the middle of formulating a policy that examines each individual — their potential of surviving CPR — and having them and/or their families make a decision about whether in the event of a cardiac arrest, they want CPR done."

Our goal, he says, is to arrive at a *policy* that allows discussion of CPR to the maximum extent by patients, family and physicians so they can come to a resolution "all parties feel comfortable with."

A recent study at the Mather Home in Evanston, Ill. revealed that many residents chose to forego CPR in the event of a cardiac arrest, Gordon says.

In advocating that sort of approach, Gordon may be pushing an idea opposed by some religious leaders and contrary to the training of physicians, who are taught to try to prolong life.

Citing studies on the effect of CPR, Gordon says they indicate about 10% of all elderly patients survive cardiac arrests and are discharged from hospital when CPR is applied — but that statistic drops substantially when one considers only those with pre-existing "multiple medical problems." In those cases, "CPR in most instances would appear to be inadvisable," Gordon states.

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs disagrees. "There is no such right (withholding medical treatment) in halacha," he says. "It is a doctor's duty to heal, and the patient has a mitzvah to maintain life."

Ochs, a member of the Vaad HaRabonim (Council of Orthodox Rabbis) in Toronto, says Judaism does not distinguish between taking a pill to save a life or using "heroic measures" such as CPR. "Each life is infinitely valuable...a gift of God. Whatever we can do to extend life is a mitzvah."

Dr. Michael Gordon

says Ochs. "A patient has no authority to dispense with life, even his own."

Rabbi Philip Scheim of the Beth David Synagogue, a Conservative shul, agrees you "can't underestimate the value of every moment. I would be very, very hesitant when withholding life saving procedures," he says, though he noted a distinction between saving life and prolonging death.

Certain mechanical impediments to death may be removed with hesitancy under some circumstances, he said, although he added some elderly patients may agree to do without CPR because they feel "they're troubling others and putting their family through an unnecessary bother."

A Toronto rabbi, who declined to be named, distinguished between saving life and prolonging the process of death, saying "it's a gray area."

And writing in the Viewpoints supplement to The CJN recently, Rabbi Kenneth Segel reviewed the Jewish view of death. While noting the scriptural injunction that "when one destroys a single life, it is as if he destroys the whole world; when one saves a single life, it is as if he saves the whole world," he called for a "new definition of death.

"Let us accept the fact that medical heroics are not always a wise or necessary procedure. Doctors should be required to justify such heroics by positive means and the justification should depend on whether or not life, in the sense of consciousness and activity, can be rekindled.

"What are we pulling a patient through to?" asks Segel, rabbi at Temple Emanuel-Beth Sholom in Montreal. "It's one thing to fight for the life of a 20-year-old whose life lies before him and quite another to fight over the body of a 90-year-old whose physical strength is minimal and whose future is paralysis."

Segel's arguments closely parallel those of Gordon. Applying CPR depends on where on "the trajectory of life you are," he says, tracing a long arc in the air, showing a 90-year-old near the bottom of the trajectory.

"CPR is not for people who are dying and have run out of gas," he maintains. "Physicians must recognize that in certain situations death is inevitable, and in accepting this reality, make the decision to take a passive approach."

Histadrut seeks members

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg Histadrut is trying to infuse new life into its organization by reaching out to attract younger members.

"The older men are doing a tremendous job," said Irv Cera, a high school principal in his 50s, "but their average age is 70. We need younger men."

To that end, a steering committee was struck last month and an information meeting is to be held on Monday, June 2, at which interested people who see the need for Histadrut's programs will be invited to brainstorm and discuss the organization's aims.

"We hope to be able to develop a Canadian Friends of AMAL for younger Winnipeg Jews to help generate funds for AMAL's projects in Israel and raise the general awareness of the community as to what AMAL and Histadrut do," said Cera.

There is a misconception that we are a labor movement. Rather, we raise funds for technical schools in Israel which train teenagers and drop-outs in technical skills."

AMAL is a network of 121 vocational schools throughout Israel with a student population of more than 32,000. The schools, which also offer retraining programs for adults, are facing major financial problems due to government cutbacks. AMAL can no longer afford to build new schools, and all its funding is going into maintaining its present facilities.

For Winnipeg's Histadrut organization, it means most of its fund raising this year is for the upkeep of the present AMAL schools.

The organization is trying to organize a speaking program in Winnipeg's Jewish day schools to make its work better known. Cera said Winnipeg Histadrut is also looking at a twinning program meant to help local students as well as those in Israel.

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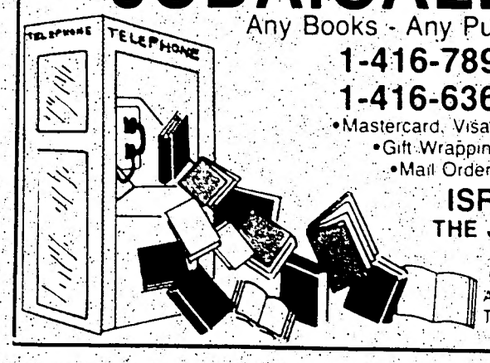

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"Combines social concern and common sense"

Ont. budget gives boost to seniors' programs

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Seniors' programs received a much needed boost along with a host of other social programs in Ontario treasurer Robert Nixon's budget last week.

While failing to fully implement some election promises such as the elimination of OHIP premiums and tax on fast food, and ignoring others like beer in corner stores, the financial plan did not include any general tax increases and managed to reduce the borrowing and operating deficits.

Robert Nixon

"This is a budget that combines social concern and common sense," Nixon said. "Its goal is to sustain the upsurge in investment, job creation and economic growth that now characterizes the Ontario economy and to build a more reliable and sensitive spectrum of social programs."

Expanding on last month's Throne Speech, Nixon said the government will provide $13.5 million for new and existing programs to strengthen services for senior citizens. The funding will be used for community health centres, home support services and geriatric assessment units.

As well, he said a new department of geriatrics will be established at an Ontario hospital.

"We are placing a fresh emphasis on mobilizing community resources to help people lead more independent lives," the treasurer said.

To meet the needs of the disabled, Nixon announced that $15 million will be allocated for housing programs for the disabled and to permit the disabled to participate in society.

He said $17 million will be allocated over the next two years to help integrate the developmentally handicapped into the community and that a comprehensive plan for community and residential services for the mentally handicapped was being developed.

In the field of health care, Nixon said the government, in keeping with its election promise to eliminate OHIP premiums, will phase down premiums. In addition, he said, the government will eliminate payments for an estimated 35,000 low-income Canadians in 1987.

To address the growing problem of shortage of space in Ontario's hospitals, Nixon announced that the government will provide $850 million for a 5-year capital expansion program. It will provide for additional acute and chronic care beds and improvements to existing hospital and cancer treatment facilities.

Opposition leaders Larry Grossman and Bob Rae criticized this move with Conservative leader Grossman pointing out that the $850 million amounted to $170 million a year.

He said that as the government is currently allocating $168 million a year in that area, that the budget only maintains current spending levels.

He said that the budget contained practically no new iniatives and criticized the government for failing to make substantial cuts in the deficit.

"Mr. Nixon had the chance to do something courageous and creative, by cutting the deficit and by implementing new measures that would complete his so-called 'vision of Ontario,'" Grossman said at a pre-budget news conference. "Instead, he reduced the deficit by a paltry $85 million, abandoned his own party's election promises and stranded the province with no real plan for the future."

NDP chief Rae maintained that the government failed to address two major concerns, namely tax fairness and the need to invest in the future.

"While the budget is better than a kick in the teeth, it really hasn't taken advantage of an enormous opportunity to address the issues," Rae said. "The gross imbalance between corporate and personal taxes persists. Mr. Nixon has done nothing to alter the unfair tax load carried by Ontario's working people."

Addressing the needs of the future, the treasurer announced that $100 million will be provided as the initial contribution to a $1 billion technology fund for the next decade and that an Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) will be established.

A Premier's Council, chaired by Premier David Peterson, will direct the fund. It is designed to support, complement and encourage science and technology research in the private sector and post secondary institutions.

ESOP will allow employees of small- and medium-sized businesses a 15% tax credit on up to $2,000 of annual purchases of newly-issued shares of their employer's corporations. To encourage businesses to set up such plans, Nixon said the government will compensate them for one-third of the cost of setting up to a maximum of $10,000.

The budget also calls for:

- Lottery revenues to be used for sueh priorities as cancer treatment, community hospitals and university research, as well as for community recreation and cultural activities.
- An additional $6 million for capital expansion of day care facilities.
- An iniative to extend a range of dental services for children. Local health units will recieve special funding to provide necessary treatment to school-aged children with urgent dental needs.
- The retail sales tax exemption for low priced meals will be raised from $1 to $2.
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Father headed organization

Harry Bloomfield named to top CALI position

MONTREAL —

A member of the second generation of the Bloomfields has taken over the leadership of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, long a favorite charity of the family. Harry Bloomfield, son of the late Bernard Bloomfield, has been chosen national president of CALI which was hoaded by his father for many years.

Largely from the proceeds of the Eldee Foundation, which the Bloomfields manage, 16 of the 65 Amal vocational high schools in Israel, among other projects, were built during the elder Bloomfield's presidency. All bear the name of Lady Davis. This was the heyday of CALI, the local umbrella organization for Histadrut-related fund raising activities.

Bernard and his brother Louis, who was also active in the Histadrut Campaign — the main component of CALI — both died in 1984. Bernard's widow Neri is now president of the Eldee Foundation, the estate of Henrietta Davis, the first wife of Montreal tobacco magnate Sir Mortimer Davis, and Harry is vice-president and a director.

The other directors are Harry's sister Evelyn Schachter and Abe Shurem, a long-time member of the CALI executive. Louis, who was vice-president of the foundation, had no children.

Harry Bloomfield, senior partner in the law firm Bloomfield & Bloomfield, describes Eldee as one of the largest charitable foundations in Canada, noting that, through prudent administration and contributions from his family, bequests have totaled three times the original capital since the Bloomfield brothers took over its trusteeship in the late 1950s.

As the new president of CALI, Harry, 41, faces the challenge of maintaining what his father created. He was in Israel in January where he met with Histadrut secretary-general Israel Kessar and toured some of the schools.

Many are getting run down or are in need of technological upgrading, and Kessar presented Bloomfield with a detailed breakdown of what has to be done to get the schools back into good condition. The price: $5 million.

Raising this money to create a fund which will generate the income to finance the renovation of two schools each year is Bloomfield's immediate goal.

One of the first steps will be to inject some new blood into the organization, said Bloomfield, and to change its image. He acknowledges that CALI has been "floundering" in recent years because it has not attracted younger members.

Some effort has been made in that direction; besides Bloomfield, other younger men have been added to the CALI board: Joel Silcoff, who has been appointed chairman of Canadian Friends of Amal; Raphael Schachter, chairman of CALI; and Harold Lehrer, all lawyers. They join such stalwarts of the organization as Nathan Kaporovsky, who was interim CALI president; Abe Shurem; Joseph Stern, chairman of the Histadrut Campaign; and Ben Himel, of Toronto.

Bloomfield will be playing down the politics and philosophy attached to Histadrut, the Israeli labor federation to which 80% of working Israelis belong, and emphasizing its important role in providing educational and social services to the country.

"Personally, I have no affiliation with the Labor Party or interest in the labor movement. All I care about is what Histadrut is doing for Israelis," said Bloomfield.

Harry Bloomfield (seated right) is the new national president of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel. Some other members of the executive are Nathan Kaporovsky (seated left) and, standing from left, Joel Silcoff, Harold Lehrer and Raphael Schachter.

Polish Jewry lecture

TORONTO —

Hayim Finkelstein will lecture on A Thousand Years of Polish Jewry in Yiddish at the Workman's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence W., Sunday, May 25 at 8.30 p.m., the Yiddish Culture Counsel of Toronto has announced.

Finkelstein is a well known author and editor of countless essays on Yiddish literature and Jewish education.

Once spiritual mentor of the modern Yiddish secular movement in Argentina, Finkelstein now lives in Israel where he is one of the leaders of the Achdut Ha'Avoda Pro Zion movement.

The guest orator is also a member of the World Council of Yiddish and Jewish Culture, and chairman of the World Centre for Bible Studies in Jerusalem.

Admission to the lecture is $2.50. For more information contact Abraham Katz, chairman of the Yiddish Culture Council at 638-0272.

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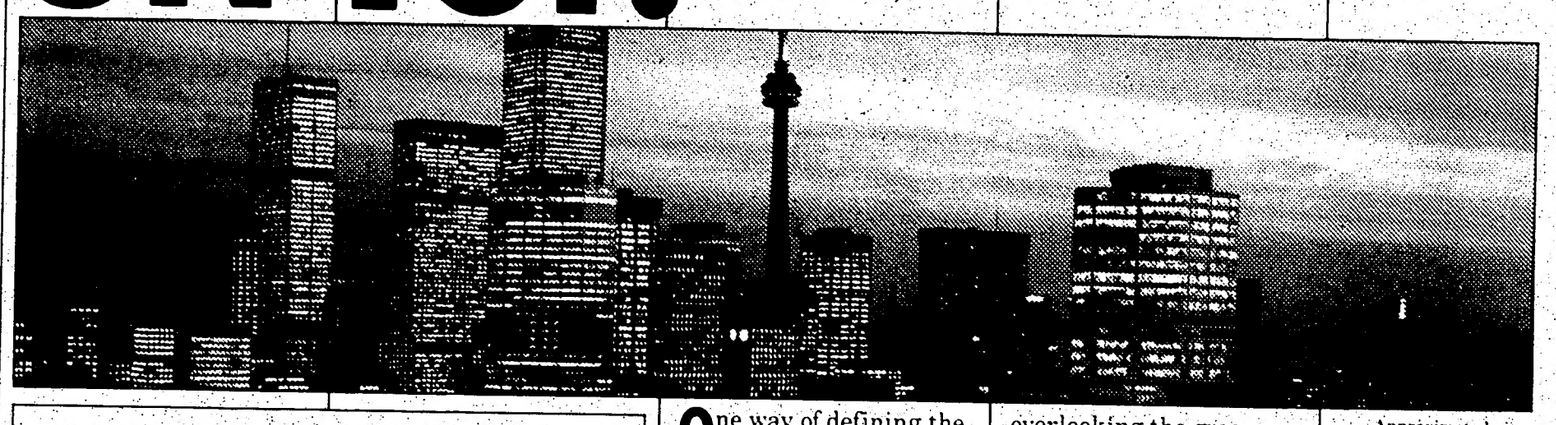

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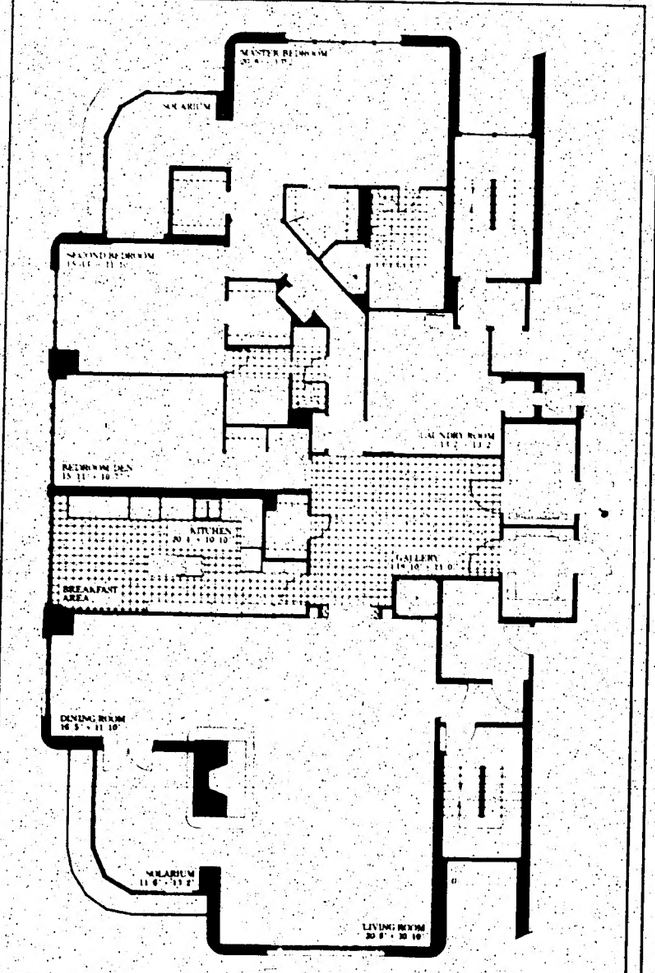

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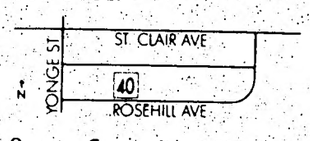

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History traced

Educator praises "people's kollel" movement

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — The "people's kollel" movement is a new and exciting development in Jewish education that will be a source of strength for the community, says Chaim Nussbaum.

The honoree at a recent breakfast reception sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Beth HaTalmud, Nussbaum traced the history of the movement which aims to give an advanced Torah education to all Jews.

Before the invention of printing, a student would leave his family and home to study with a famous scholar, a "gadol ha'dor," the rabbi said.

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When the invention of printing allowed the Talmud to become accessible everywhere, yeshivas developed in many different places. Generally speaking, they were only for unmarried men, or men whose fathers-in-law provided "kest" — support for a certain length of time after marriage.

The kollel movement, which provided a sort of postgraduate education for older students, began less than 60 years ago, but was only for the elite scholar, said Nussbaum.

"Before (the "people's kollel"), the scholar learned only for himself. Now we realize that the light of Torah can only increase if we kindle that light for the whole community."

Nussbaum, a graduate of the Telz Yeshiva in Lithuania and a noted educator, scholar and writer in Toronto for many years, is most closely associated with Eitz Chaim schools, where he was principal from 1949-1969. He was also instrumental in founding Bais Yaakov High School for Girls.

A plaque honoring his achievements was presented by Rabbi Raphael Marcus of B'nai Torah Congregation, where the reception was held, and by former student Avraham Feintuch, from Beersheba.

Speeches in his honor were offered by Marcus and by Rabbi Peretz Posen, from Beth HaTalmud Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY.

Beth HaTalmud is a yeshiva for the elite scholars of the world Jewish community, says Rabbi Yaakov Posen, a student and part-time administrator there.

Its graduates have gone on to take prestigious positions in the world of Jewish education, including Lakewood Yeshiva in New Jersey and Ner Israel Yeshiva in Toronto.

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Canadians' freedom must be protected—MP

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Although it is essential to protect Canadian society against international terrorism it is also important not to infringe on Canadians' freedom, says MP William Attewell.

"We must maintain a balance in our fight against terrorists to ensure that we don't stomp on citizen's liberties," Attewell told a recent breakfast meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood.

He added that the government must find a way to increase security at Canadian airports while "at the same time not inconveniencing the public to any great extent."

When asked why radio, television and newspapers report the details of government measures to boost airport security, Attewell replied that "the media must be more responsible in what they report. They must realize they have a great accountability to help in this matter," the MP said.

He said that "it is imperative that we have leaders who stand firm against terrorists. If we give in to their hostage-taking endeavors we are moving backwards in the fight against terrorism," said Attewell.

He said a lesson can be learned from recently released Refusenik, Anatoly Scharansky. "The Soviets warned him that they would reduce Jewish immigration to a trickle if he spoke out against the Soviet Union upon his release. He refused, however, to bow to their pressure. He must be commended," Attewell said.

He said that there are basic freedoms we all enjoy and in order to protect them, Canada should not become a haven for terrorists from around the world.

"Terrorism," said Attewell "has a tremendous destabilizing effect upon society and we must make every effort to stop it."

Bonds promotes Israel tourism

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The State of Israel Bonds organization in Winnipeg is becoming involved in the Israeli tourism business.

"We won't be running tours ourselves," said Graham Dixon, newly-installed chairman of Winnipeg's Israel tourism council. "Our function is to spend time with travel agents and associations, arrange speakers for service clubs, synagogues and other religious institutions and generally stimulate interest in visiting Israel," he said.

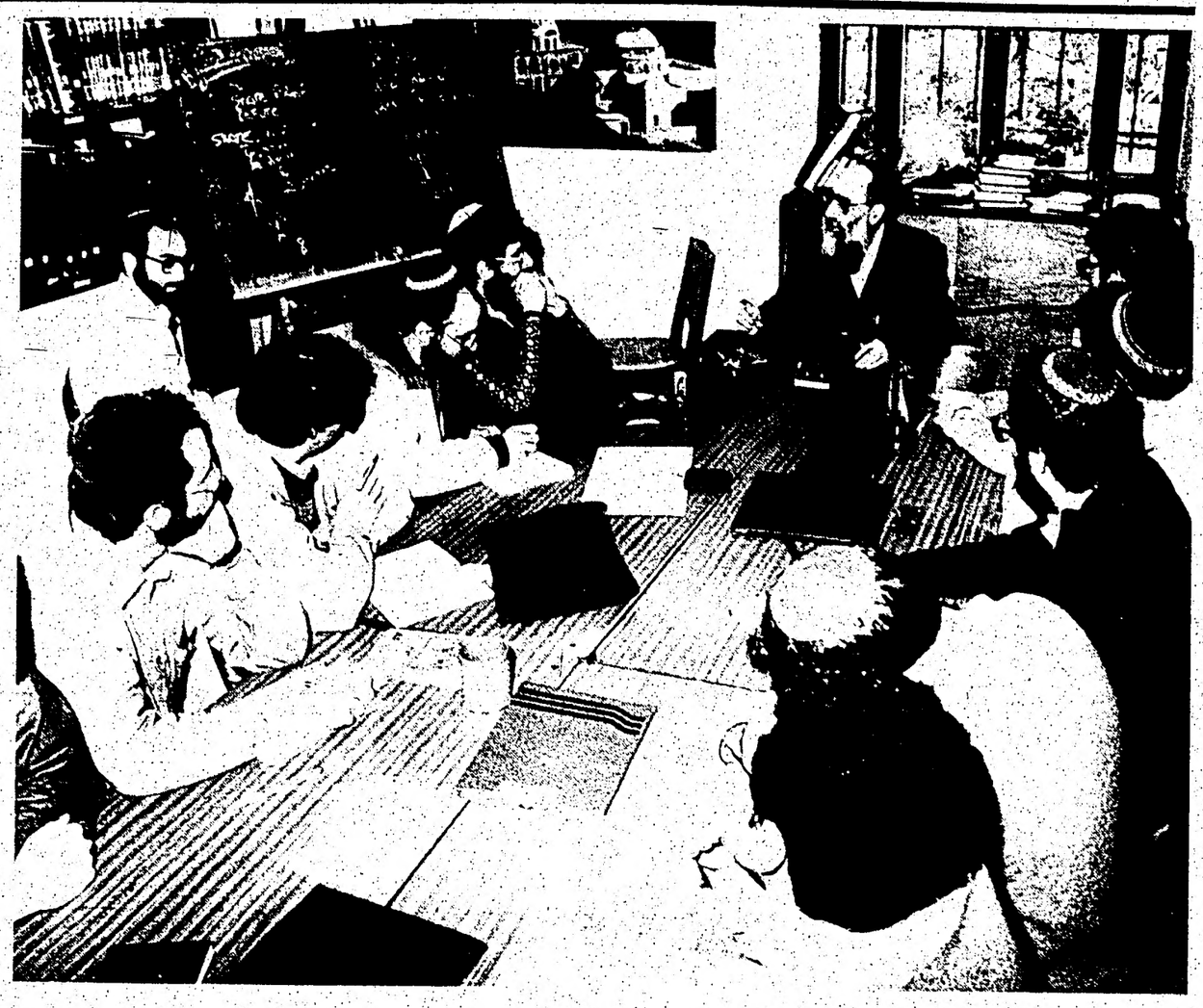
"For example, we will be trying to address the negative impact of terrorism in Europe by showing that El Al is the safest airline in the world to fly."

The Winnipeg office — the first in Western Canada — is one of several Israel tourism councils being organized in affiliation with State of Israel Bond organizations in North America.

"The major centres such as Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver are covered already by Israeli government representatives," said Dixon who is currently public affairs advisor for the Canadian Bankers Association in Winnipeg.

The all-volunteer organization operates out of the Israel Bonds office here and receives administrative support from the Bonds organization.

"We are currently working toward a major promotional event in the fall," said Dixon.



Rabbi Zeev Haim Lifshitz teaching a class at Yeshivat Darche Noam/David Shapell College of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem rabbi to speak

TORONTO —

Rabbi Zeev Haim Lifshitz, mashgiach (guidance counselor) of Yeshivat Darche Noam/David Shapell College of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem will speak on: The Wedlock Deadlock: Traditional Jewish Marriage Under Stress, at B'nai Torah Congregation (465 Patricia) 8 p.m., Sunday May 25.

The school Lifshitz represents offers a fairly traditional program in Talmud, says executive director David Rubin, but gives students with a good secular education a more intellectual approach to talmudic study. Its goal is to enable students to learn on their own, he says.

About 50-60 full-time students and 10 part-time students are enrolled in the men's program, and Rubin says Torontonians Ben Feintuch, Irving Alter, Eli Silverberg, Scott Goldberg and Al Fefferman have attended the school. The 1-year-old women's division, Midreshet Rachel, has about 20 students, Rubin adds.

For more information about the lecture contact the synagogue at 226-3700.

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Problem being recognized by community

Positive Directions educates about wife abuse

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Sha, shtill. The whole world doesn't have to know.

When Jewish women who are faced with abuse in the home try to make their anguish known, often they are confronted with a reaction of disbelief, then of anxious desires to hush it up.

People don't want to believe that in Jewish homes, wives can be physically, emotionally and psychologically abused by their husbands, says Marilyn Horwich, founder of Positive Directions, a support group for abused Jewish women.

But over the past five years, Horwich has noticed a change in attitude. As people come "out of the closet" with revelations of their home situations, what was once thought of as someone else's problem is being recognized by religious leaders, social workers and the person next door as also a problem in the Jewish community.

Ever since Horwich founded Positive Directions two years ago, the group has been active in educating the community about something many would just as soon see hidden.

Rayna Knobler, a social worker at Jewish Family & Child Service, agrees there has been a tendency to hide the problem. But in recent years, she says, women who in the past had obliquely referred in counseling sessions to "poor marriages" are now citing violence as part of their marital difficulties.

In fact, says Ellis Katsof, director of community services of JF & CS, an informal survey conducted among staff workers in February showed "at least 5% of (agency) cases" (about 75 women) contain an element of wife abuse.

Katsof and Knobler believe that statistic is low. They cite a scientific study conducted in New York by the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services which found "1 in 7 (14%) of the Jewish cases (it handled) involved family violence."

Those findings, they point out, parallel a study conducted in Los Angeles in 1983 and 1984 which "led the National Council of Jewish Women to conclude that family violence takes place in 10-20% of Jewish families," including synagogue-affiliated families — about equal to the rates in the general population.

With statistics like that, what is preventing wide-scale recognition of the problem? Horwich, an employee of a Crown agency, believes public recognition of the problem would "stigmatize the community's reputation. We don't like others to violate us; how can we admit we violate our own?"

Marilyn Horwich

A thesis by Julie Ringold Spitzer in the U.S. on spousal abuse in contemporary Judaism quotes a researcher that "Jews have the need to deny the occurrence of wife abuse because it is considered such a great 'shanda' (scandal) within our culture. This is tied with our minority status within American society, and our subsequent need to prove and assert we are 'better' than others."

A second explanation offered by Horwich is that the desire for "shalom bayit" (peace of the home) is such an exalted value, women, who feel responsible for shalom bayit, don't want it to appear their homes don't enjoy that peace.

Women who are abused, whether physically or emotionally, often feel they are to blame for their fates, Horwich says. Some have faced years of emotional abuse where their husbands continually berate them with comments like "you're no good," "you can't make it" or "no one will listen to you."

Those comments aim at tearing down a woman's self esteem, she says, and the emotional abuse can culminate in physical violence.

— Knobler agrees abused women often blame themselves for the absence of a peaceful home, while their husbands blame others for their own problems.

Abusers are often men "who suffer from low self esteem and feel powerless and who hide behind stereotypical forms of masculinity," such as controlling their environment, says Knobler.

Often they are like Dr. Cohen, Mr. Levy — the Jewish versions of of Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde — whose public persona is very different from their private self. To friends and neighbors they present "the nice guy image who'll give you the shirt off his back. At home, it's very different."

And Horwich says many women "lead a double life," appearing to all as a content mother and wife, while suffering abuse in private.

Horwich, a mother of four, believes abuse is a learned behavior — men who abuse themselves were abused early in life.

Learning is important to Horwich. If women have learned to keep their intolerable family situations to themselves, they can also be helped to bring it into the open by discussing it with other women in similar circumstances.

When it first began, Positive Directions offered abused women a chance to talk to other women about their lives, to learn they weren't alone in experiencing abuse, and that the abuse wasn't related to something they did.

Nowadays, the organization is concerned with public education, making the issue known to synagogue leaders, lay people and the general Jewish public.

Positive Directions, she says, is now working on an information kit to outline the problem, and present some options in terms of counseling, legal information and referral to agencies that can help.

JF & CS can provide the counseling, both to the woman and the male partner, says Knobler. The agency has also had to, in some cases, check an abused woman into a shelter, such as the North York Women's Shelter, which now can provide kosher meals when requested.

Horwich says she will continue with her advocacy role, writing about abuse and speaking to synagogue sisterhoods and at inter faith seminars.

"I'm just a Jewish mother giving my chicken soup to the world," she says.

Caller may reveal rabbi's killer

TORONTO —

An anonymous informant has told police he will divulge the identity of those who killed a 24-year-old Toronto rabbi visiting Pittsburgh last month, the Toronto Star reports.

According to Tony Hovanec, chief of police for the town of Beaver, 32 kilometres west of Pittsburgh, a caller said "if we'd (raise the reward) to $50,000, he'd tell us who killed the rabbi."

Beaver runs a Crime Solvers program, much like Crime Stoppers in Toronto, which offers anonymous tipsters rewards if they supply information that solve crimes.

Rabbi Neil Rosenblum, a student at the Ner Israel Yeshiva College in Willowdale, was gunned down after prayers while walking to a relative's home in Pittsburgh.

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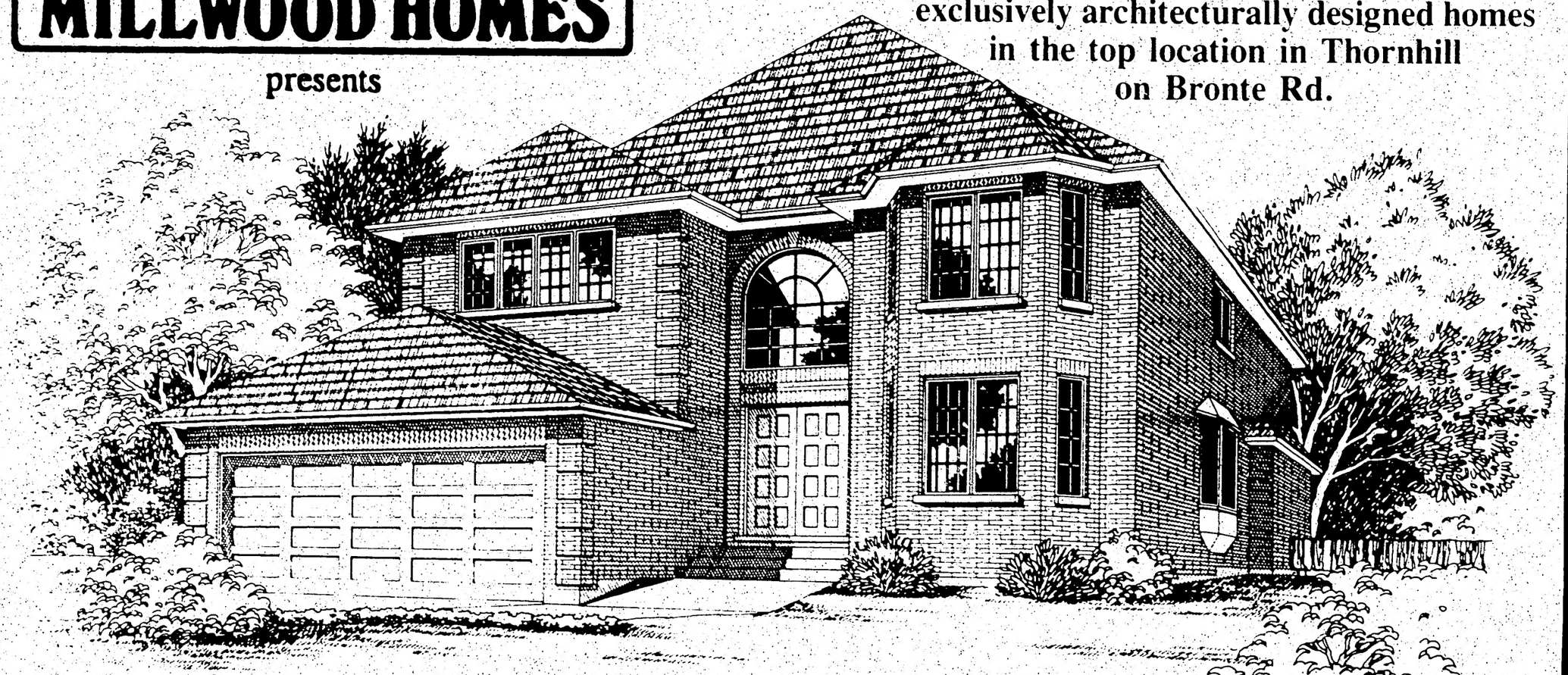

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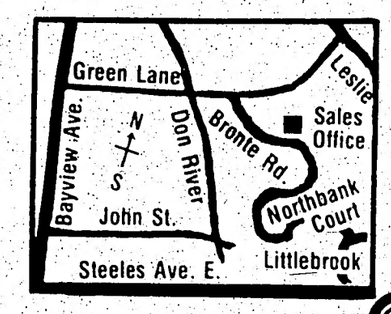

U of T professor calls on community's help

Support groups needed for "postponed parents"

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

Synagogues and other Jewish community organizations should set up support groups for "postponed parents" — those that have their first child in their mid-30s or 40s, says Ben Schlesinger, a University of Toronto professor of social work.

Schlesinger and Shirley Giblon, a freelance writer and former social worker, have just published a booklet on the postponed parenthood phenomenon, one of a series of the University of Toronto's studies on Canadian Social Patterns.

Schlesinger said that although most older parents attend pre-natal classes, they are unprepared for the drastic change in their lives after the baby arrives.

"They had all read books about childrearing but found that the practical may not match the theoretical. Prenatal classes concentrate on the birth and exercises but not on staying up all night with the baby," he said.

Almost 26% of Canadian babies born in 1982 were born to women over 30 who had never before had a child, a proportion nearly double the 1970 level of 14%.

For the Schlesinger study — the first of its kind in Canada — 46 couples were interviewed, all of whom had been married for at least five years. They were in their first marriage, were both working prior to the birth of the first child, and had waited until the mother was at least 30 years of age before having a child.

The results showed that delayed childbearing is common among those who are in the education, middle to upper income bracket, and is part of the lifestyle patterns of this upwardly mobile group.

"These are active people who suddenly found their energy drained by a little one. They are suddenly forced to curtail their social lives and 'instantaneous' lifestyle. Many had bought homes in neighborhoods where there weren't many children and now they feel isolated," said Schlesinger.

He also noted that the upheaval and frustration was felt mostly by the women surveyed. "The men promised to help, but didn't deliver. It is the same old double standard," said Schlesinger. The women were also the one to face the dilemma of whether or not to go back to work after their 17-week maternity leave, and if not, when they should go back.

Many of the female respondants who did go back to work right away experienced guilt about leaving the child with a nanny. None of the fathers in the study stayed home from work after the birth.

The late bloomers reported that they may not have been any more emotionally able to cope with a new baby but they did feel the benefits of being more financially able to manage than many younger parents.

Ben Schlesinger

Another positive factor cited by the couples was an improvement in relations with parents and in-laws after the birth. And although many said that their sex lives suffered, the majority felt that their marriages improved.

Still Schlesinger believes that support groups should be formed to assist this growing sector of the community with the strain and stress of delayed childbearing.

Some guidelines he recommends are:

- Be realistic about the demands of a baby. Speak to others who had postponed parenting.
- Men should not cop out of sharing the new domestic burdens or the wife may experience frustration and depression.
- Involve the grandparents in the care of the child and family activities — they have been waiting for years for this pleasure.
- Do not place extremely high expectations on the delayed child.

The study found that older parents are particularly prone to having high ambitions for their children, seeking out the best schools and pestering the schools to give their children the best of everything. "You don't have to register your baby at university the day of his birth," said Schlesinger.

The University of Toronto scholar is the author of 12 books and 250 papers on family life. He is currently completing a book of essays on the Jewish family and has a book coming out this August on the sexual abuse of children in the 1980s.

Postponed Parenthood is available for $4.50 from the U of T's Faculty of Education Guidance Centre (978-3206).

Fund sought for fellowship

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

A fund should be established providing a $20,000 fellowship each year to a graduate of Ben-Gurion University's medical school for specialist training in Toronto, said Dr. Charles Hollenberg, representing the Toronto chapter of the Israel Medical Association.

Hollenberg raised the idea at a recent meeting co-sponsored by the association and the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

He said that if money is to be raised for post-graduate studies in Toronto, the initiative would have to come from an ad hoc group of concerned citizens who wish to develop a relationship with Ben-Gurion University's medical school.

The importance of such specialist training for Ben-Gurion graduates was echoed by Dr. Gerald Fraser, a gastroenterologist and lecturer in medicine at Soroka Medical Centre, the teaching hospital for BGU's medical school.

"Links with North America are crucial at the postgraduate level," said Fraser, who was a fellow at Toronto Western Hospital from 1981-83. "Unfortunately Canada is closing up to foreigners, making it difficult for an Israeli doctor to receive training here."

Fraser discussed problems in Israel's health care system and told how Ben-Gurion University stresses community medicine in order to meet the needs of the Negev population it serves — some 400,000 people spread out over an area half the size of Israel.

"Israel has a 2-tiered system of socialized medicine. Physicians in public clinics refer patients to specialists in hospitals. In addition, services provided are split between the ministry of health and the various health insurance plans, the largest of which is the Histadrut's sick fund (Kupat Holim)," said Fraser.

The result of this is that lesser qualified doctors — often those from the Soviet Union who have not had access to the latest Western knowledge — staff ambulatory service facilities while those with the most training rarely leave the hospitals.

The Negev has a great deal of trouble attracting doctors, said Fraser. In addition to the development towns settled by North African and Middle Eastern Jews during the 1950s, the Negev is the home of 50,000 Bedouins and a large community of Ethiopian Jews.

In response to this challenge, Ben-Gurion's medical school has a stringent screening procedure for applicants — only 50 out of 1,100 applicants are admitted each year. Students are chosen with a strong commitment to community medicine in the hope that they will stay in the region to practice as doctors.

Soroka students go out to community clinics right from their 1st year, and in their 4th year they do a "family project" whereby they monitor a patient for six months making sure that he or she receives the appropriate follow-up social services.

"The concept is that if you train students in hospitals alone, they will only want to work in hospitals. If you involve them in the community they will develop an awareness of outside health care," said Fraser.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Inequality of Catholic-only proposal

CJC says Bill 30 discriminates, unconstitutional

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The question of public funding for independent schools has become an emotional topic in the Jewish community.

For many, ending an institutionalized injustice is the prime issue. For others, preserving the integrity of the public school system is the major consideration.

At the heart of the matter, from the perspective of Canadian Jewish Congress, is the fundamental inequity of the government proposal in Bill 30 to extend public funding to Roman Catholic schools beyond grade 10 — while Jewish schools receive no public money.

Other non-Catholic schools are in the same boat. When the government of Premier David Peterson referred the matter of extended funding to the courts, CJC and about two dozen other intervenors, including the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools and the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, joined in the legal process.

CJC argued the proposals contained in Bill 30 favoring one religious group, are discriminatory and therefore constitutionally invalid.

At a recent debate held at a joint meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress and CJC, Ontario Region, David Satok, national chairman of community relations, argued "the bottom line" in the debate is the need of the Jewish community for new sources of funds to keep education at a high level.

Looking at higher costs in the future, Satok warned of "tensions" in the community arising over the allocation of communal money — whether on social projects, education or Israel — if alternate sources are not found.

The Jewish education system in Toronto, for the 1985-86 school year, has 14,264 students enrolled, says Bernard Shoub, director of school finances of the Board of Jewish Education. Of that total, approximately 7,900 children attend day schools, from nursery to grade 13, while about 6,400 attend supplementary schools after regular school hours.

The Jewish day school system, for the 1985-86 academic year, ran up operating costs of $27 million, the bulk of which was financed through tuition levies, says Shoub. Somewhat more than $5 million is provided through communally-raised funds, he adds.

The tuition paid by a parent varies and runs from a high of about $3,375 per year, per pupil, to as little as zero for those in need who receive assistance. Intricate formulae determine tuition.

Some public money does enter into the equation, however.

A cultural enrichment grant, from the federal secretary of state, adds $300,000 to the system, while the provincial heritage language fund (which subsidizes only language training) adds another $200,000 per year.

And "some financial consideration is given to various independent schools on purchases of certain textbooks," notes a statement of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE), the Congress committee established to deal with the matter.

Comparing government funding of independent schools around the world, OJAEE found that 64 countries worldwide (as of 1966) provide direct and/or indirect aid to independent schools.

Among Canadian provinces, Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, BC, Alberta and Quebec all provide some form of assistance to independent schools, the document states.

In Newfoundland, approximately 95% of operating costs of denominational schools are government-subsidized, while in Saskatchewan, public funds are provided to Jewish day schools for pupils in grades 9-12, subject to certain eligibility criteria, which include a minimum enrolment, meeting curricula requirements and teacher qualifications set by the ministry of education.

In BC, a "complicated procedure" exists to finance up to 30% of the cost per pupil for independent — including Jewish — schools.

Alberta provides "75% of the per pupil grant for public and separate schools," where the private school follows an approved course of study and adheres to other government requirements, says OJAEE.

Quebec provides funding under a complicated procedure, while the BJE in Manitoba receives a $792 grant per student per year — about 28% of what public schools receive.

One of the arguments presented within the Ontario Jewish community in opposition to calls for public aid is that full funding for independent schools could spell trouble for the public school system, especially in small communities which could not support both public and independent schools.

Says Alan Borovoy, national director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, public schools create the opportunities to remove ethnic barriers and promote inter-group respect. And in areas outside major centres, Jewish children could find themselves forced to enroll in religious schools, with their pervasive religious environment, because of an absence of a public school alternative.

Les Scheininger, past chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, says there is no evidence of the collapse of the public school system in the countries which provide aid to independent schools.

CJC, in its legal brief to the Ontario Court of Appeal, argued that equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms require funding of Jewish schools equal to that proposed in Bill 30 for the upper grades of Catholic schools.

In a decision delivered recently, the court rejected that position, noting that "the country was founded upon the recognition of special or unequal educational rights for specific religious groups." The constitutional provisions which set out those "special" rights are not superceded by the Charter, the court ruled.

CJC is appealing that decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

While CJC has placed some of its eggs in the basket of legal challenge to Bill 30, the search for public funds predates Bill 30 by a substantial margin. As early as 1977, the executive committee of TJC passed a resolution in support of efforts by Jewish day schools to obtain funding from government sources.

Students (from left) Daniel Diamond, Jonathan Weinstock and Hannah Krasman conduct a science experiment at Associated Hebrew Schools. Core subjects, as well as Hebrew and religious studies, are becoming increasingly expensive for all Jewish day schools. [Graphic Artists photo]

In 1981, three years before former Premier William Davis proposed full funding for Catholic schools, the Ontario regional executive of CJC resolved to endorse seeking financial assistance from the provincial government.

Concurrent with the legal challenge to Bill 30, Congress has continued efforts to convince MPPs, including cabinet ministers, of the inequity of the present situation.

Dr. Bernard Shapiro, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, whose 1-man commission studied the question of funding for private schools, noted that "on moral grounds, limiting public support to Catholic schools seems indefensible."

The constitutional arguments describes the history of the situation, his report states. "They do nothing to inform us about what we ought to do.

"(The decision) appears to be more clearly an act of political will than a fulfillment of a constitutional obligation. The government is clearly entitled to exercise this political will, but not on a discriminatory basis."

Cause for rejoicing, but...

Expansion poses financial problems

By
SERGE TITTLEY

If growth is a measure of success then Toronto's Jewish schools are enormously successful.

Figures released by the Board of Jewish Education, which coordinates school programs and drives, show that 14,250 students are enrolled in all types of Jewish schools this year. Of these, 7,866 are in day schools and 6,398 in the supplementary (Sunday and afternoon) schools.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, board director, says this is cause for rejoicing, but it also presents a formidable challenge.

The board's planning and priorities committee has "guesstimated" that the Jewish school system in Toronto could require as much as $20 million over the next five years to sustain its growth and assure quality schooling for its students, says Witty.

A number of schools, elementary and secondary, have been formulating plans for expansion to accommodate ever-increasing student populations.

Rabbi Marvin Pachino, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), points out that a committee has been formed by the board to examine space needs. Pachino's own school is an example of steady growth. CHAT has doubled its enrolment over the past seven years, currently at 485. It expects 545 next year. The high school has already made arrangements to rent more classrooms from the North York Board of Education next year.

Ner Israel Yeshiva recently moved from its cramped Finch Avenue quarters to an $8 million complex in Vaughan Township.

Eitz Chaim elementary schools are in the process of putting up new facilities as well.

United Synagogue Day Schools are carrying out negotiations with Shaarei Haim congregation in Richmond Hill about a joint construction. Meanwhile, Associated Hebrew Schools have put up eight portables at a new site north of Metro. Soon to be built is an elementary school with nursery facilities, to serve an estimated student population of 1,000.

Witty adds that meanwhile Associated's Neptune branch, slated for closing long ago, remains filled to capacity. "We don't know where the kids are coming from, but they're coming," he says.

Better gym and laboratory facilities, more locker and office space, and enlarged libraries all appear to be in demand at most schools.

Several schools with healthy enrollments now did not even exist 10 years ago, says Witty, pointing to She'arim, Netivot Hatorah, and Talmud Torah of Bobov.

But day schools are not the sole source of growth. Many new supplementary schools, often associated with congregations, have come into being in recent years, including Kehillat Shaarei Torah, B'nei Shalom, and Darchei Noam.

Witty says a steady stream of new Jewish arrivals from South Africa, Israel, the Soviet Union, the United States, and Montreal has sparked the growth.

Toronto has a school for almost every ideological or philosophical bent, he added.

"Consider the fact that for decades, day schools here existed with absolutely no room to absorb a Reform youngster. Either you went to the Bialik School, which is Labor-Zionist and certainly not religiously oriented, or you didn't go.

"And, 'poof!', Leo Baeck (School) comes onto the map and out of the clear blue sky you're looking at 469 kids this year," Witty adds.

Although nearly all Jewish schools in Toronto are affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, at least a couple are not.

Torah Ohr, which holds its classes at the Steelsview, Lescon, and Glenshields public schools, is one. The North York Community Hebrew Schools, which meet at Fisherville Junior High School on Patricia Avenue, is another.

While Torah Ohr's approach is traditional, that of North York Community is secular. Both are supplementary schools, offering programs on Sundays and in the late afternoons of regular school days. The Board of Jewish Education has estimated their combined enrollment at some 500 students.

New encyclopedia here from Israel

By
DAVID BIRKAN

A new shaliach from Israel is making the rounds of school libraries and homes — the Encyclopedia of Jewish History. The beautifully done 1-volume work, at $48, is at once more and less than its title implies.

Let's get the less out of the way first. The encyclopedia's entries are arranged thematically and more or less chronologically — not alphabetically. Not surprisingly for a work written, compiled and translated into English by Israelis, about half the subjects covered deal with the modern state of Israel.

All the rest is more.

Under the editorship of historians Ilana Shamir and Shlomo Shavit, a team of some 30 Israeli authorities in Jewish culture, history, mysticism, archeology, folklore, art, society, economy and cartography have prepared an anthology of some 130 800-word capsule studies strikingly illustrated with color photographs and maps. Each study is arranged in spreadsheet style, so that a whole treatment of a subject can be read without turning the page. This layout can only prompt readers to wonder why they haven't come across it before.

The English, thanks to the encyclopedia's team of eight translators, is smooth and natural. It reads as if it

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Leading Labor Zionist day school

Bialik celebrates several anniversaries this year

TORONTO — When the Jewish Folk Shule started up on Cecil St. in Toronto in 1926, its equipment — old, hard benches and scratched blackboards — were rejects from the public schools. Students were mainly from poor immigrant families and *shlepped* to studies after their regular classes and on Sunday mornings.

The Jewish Folk Shule, or the Farband Folk Shule, as it came to be known, is no more, having been replaced in 1961 with Bialik Hebrew Day School, one of the most successful Labor Zionist day schools in the world. But the folk shule's spirit of combining a Jewish and a general education lives on at Bialik.

The year 1986 is an auspicious one for Bialik. It marks the school's 25th anniversary, as well as the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Folk Shule and the 50th anniversary of the Borochov Folk Shule, now the Borochov Centre.

Last month, more than 300 people attended a $36-a-plate anniversary celebration dinner at the Borochov Centre to mark the occasion and dozens turned out the night before at Bialik for a reunion of the three schools' alumni and staff.

The dinner paid tribute to Bialik's past chairmen: Julius Sokoloff, Morris Jackson, Victor Topper, Barney Loftus, Sydney Wax, Sandra Brown, Harry Steiner and the late Kalman Berger.

Bialik, at 12 Viewmount Ave., was opened with 50 students and a staff of three. Today, it serves over 700 pupils and employs a staff of 70, with new additions to the school to include a regulation size gymnasium and a pre-school facility.

Its predecessor, the Jewish Folk Shule, of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance (Farband), began in 1926 in two semi-detached houses at 24 Cecil St. In the early 30s, with the continuing influx of immigrants, a branch was opened on Euclid Ave. to serve families that settled or moved to the west end of the city.

The Borochov Folk Shule and Kindergarten was founded by the Borochov Movement (Poalei Zion, a leftwing Zionist group) in 1932. However, that was in a private house at 1 Major St. Officially, it began in 1936 at 368 College St. above a furniture store and in 1950, expanded to a facility on Lippincott St. As the need for a full-time Jewish day school became more and more obvious, educators and parents of children attending both schools agreed to merge under the Labor Zionist Movement in 1961 and form Bialik.

Today, the Borochov Centre on Codsell St. is a nursery for pre-schoolers.

Bialik and its sister high school in Montreal prides itself on students speaking four languages fluently: English, Hebrew, Yiddish and French.

Students are also involved in a number of community endeavors: Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry, the Jewish National Fund and the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon.

Last year, grade 9 students spent a day as observers at the trial of Ernst Zundel.

This year, Bialik was the first day school to offer a preventive education program that taught personal safety skills. The program was under the joint auspices of the Board of Jewish Education and Jewish Family & Child Service.

The curriculum also calls for a sound education in mathematics and science.

Field trips are also emphasized, to Ottawa, Quebec and the U.S., to allow students to experience the world "out there," and to make the history and civics programs more meaningful.

Music is also stressed and artists from the community, including members of the Toronto Symphony, regularly demonstrate their skills.

This year, Bialik's traditional enthusiasm at the Bible Contest gained special significance. Ari Finkelstein, who is student council president, was one of two Canadian students chosen to go to Israel to compete in this year's International Bible Contest.

Bialik's message of love of Israel has obviously been understood by the school's many graduates who have made aliya in the past 25 years.

Strikingly illustrated

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had been written in English originally, no mean feat. Editor of the English edition is Joseph Alpher, executive publications editor of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. He is a Middle East affairs expert in his own right, his articles appearing frequently in Israeli and international journals.

A 5-page introduction by Prof. Shmuel Ettinger of the Hebrew University discusses several themes in Jewish history that have made it unique in the annals of Humankind. The authority of the clearly written text is reinforced by traditional paintings and artifacts recalling ages-old Jewish customs.

Illustrations — maps, carvings, paintings, jewelry, and so forth — in each capsule entry are sequentially arranged and captioned to support text information. Text and illustrations make up a unified entity, an effective teaching tool. The text itself reads like a cutline for brevity and terseness. Each entry can be read or discussed as is, or easily form the nucleus of an expanded project. Related references are indicated in the margins.

Also included is a multi-colored chronological chart of side by side events in Jewish and general history, a valuable aid to putting things in perspective. There is also a glossary and extensive index. A bibliography is noticeable by its absence, but if most of the original references was in Hebrew to start with, it would not have been much help to English readers anyway.

The encyclopedia was originally published in Israel by Massada, one of the country's largest producers of text and general books. It offers a good insight into the attractiveness of many of Israel's publishing efforts. If export trends are encouraged, Israeli books may become as much a household word as Jaffa oranges.

The encyclopedia appears in English as a Facts on File publication, 1986, New York and London. It's available at local Jewish and general book stores.

It should be mentioned that the book names its two proofreaders. Such recognition, rare in the publishing industry for an essential but largely unsung task, probably contributes in no small way to the book's clean looks.

Associated makes move north to Vaughan

By RON CSILLAG

New portables scheduled to open in September at Bathurst and Clark

VAUGHAN, Ont. — As Toronto's Jewish community pushes further and further north, Associated Hebrew Schools has kept pace.

The largest Hebrew day school system outside Israel in the world, Associated will open four, double "portable" classrooms in the Bathurst-Clark area, almost one year after the Town of Vaughan approved the leasing of a parcel of land for the classes.

The eight portables — pre-fabricated, temporary structures — will house up to 200 children in nursery, pre-kindergarten and senior kindergarten classes in Metro's northwest corner.

Until now, students living west of Yonge St. in northern Metro have had to attend Associated's Finch branch, while those east of Yonge have traditionally gone to the Leslie St. branch. Some travel as far as Associated's main branch at Bathurst and Neptune in North York.

The new portable classes, scheduled to open this September, will take some of the strain off the other branches, says Sandy Rabinowitz, principal of the Finch branch.

The structures will be located on a 4½ acre section of parkland near Bathurst and Clark, just south of the Promenade Mall.

The Vaughan campus will be open to students aged 4, 5 and 6. All children born in 1983 would qualify for the youngest grade, Rabinowitz added.

Associated won the right to lease the land from the town thanks largely to a motion guided through the council by Vaughan Councillor David Chapley. Vaughan okayed the deal provided Associated would hunt for a permanent site for the pre-school grades, with help from municipal officials.

There are "no definite plans" yet for a permanent site, Rabinowitz said.

Regular school bus service will be available to and from the portables and each will have a washroom, Associated officials note.

Associated already features two portables at its Finch branch and the idea is catching on.

Community leaders have long said that with the rapid spurt in Jewish families and young couples moving to the Vaughan-Thornhill area, the need for more Jewish day schools becomes pressing.

Associated began in 1942 with just 25 students. Today, it boasts over 3,000 students from nursery to grade 9, with half-days of Jewish curriculum and the other half spent with the regular provincial course of study.

Rabinowitz says almost all spaces for September enrolment in the portables have been taken, but there are a few left.

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Living Torah is prime focus at Eitz Chaim

TORONTO —

The inculcation of Torah values and a commitment to encouraging the expression of those values in daily living are what make Eitz Chaim Schools unique, say the schools' principals.

In March, that philosophy blossomed to full creative bloom when some 300 students at the girls' branch on Viewmount Ave. participated in a Torah Fair.

For that fair, the students produced numerous projects with paint, paper, diagrams and models, text and image, all constructed to bring to life different aspects of the Torah.

In the words of librarian Eva Kaplan, the fair's theme was "emphasizing and rededicating ourselves to the Torah."

Leo Adler, principal of the girl's school, says the fair followed several themes including: finding eastern European connections, or searching one's roots; the Holocaust and the revival of Israel; Jewish communities around the world; and the precepts of the mitzvot.

"We are not learning the mitzvot as something old-fashioned but as something alive, valuable and meaningful," says Adler.

We try to show that following the mitzvot is not a burden, but is beautiful; as Jews "we have obligations to Israel, between man and God, and between man and man," he says.

"We try to make a total Jew. There is no contradiction between living in the secular world and being a religious Jew."

The principals at the Willowdale branch of Eitz Chaim echo Adler's sentiments.

Says Rabbi S.K. Weinberg, senior principal, "It is from the religious commitment to God and Torah that such a set of values (a love of learning and a feeling of decency to one's fellow man) emanates."

While the Willowdale branch does not have a Torah Fair, it does have some special learning programs that reflect its outlook.

To enable fathers to review Gemara more effectively with their sons, the school began offering a shiur in Gemara on Monday nights for the first time this year, Weinberg says.

The teachers, on their own time, teach the parents the same portions taught to their children in grades five to eight.

To encourage more independent learning of Chumash among the students, Weinberg has developed an "alternative system" to develop such skills.

And, he notes, the spirit of initiative is being shown by Bar Mitzvah boys at the school.

"It has become popular," says Weinberg, for the boys to learn an extra tractate of Talmud in the year before their Bar Mitzvah and make a siyum (finishing party) at the same time as the Bar Mitzvah celebration.

"This testifies both to their love of learning and the skill level they have attained by that age."

The effectiveness of the school in preparing students for future secular learning and careers results from several factors, says Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, the general studies principal.

Among those factors, he says, are: great selectivity in hiring of staff; the introduction of a broader curriculum (such as world history and geography) in the junior high; modification of the new mathematics to a more classical and structured pattern; and standardized tests from which teachers receive computer created diagnostic evaluations which identify areas of emphasis for each class.

"We expect students to pursue higher level general studies after they leave Eitz Chaim, and thus imbue them with strong motivation for attaining very high levels," says Jakobovits.

Eitz Chaim was established in 1915 with a Talmud Torah on Chestnut St. Over the years it moved and grew so that today it has some 900 students, and is awaiting the building and completion of a new facility on York Hill Blvd. in Thornhill.

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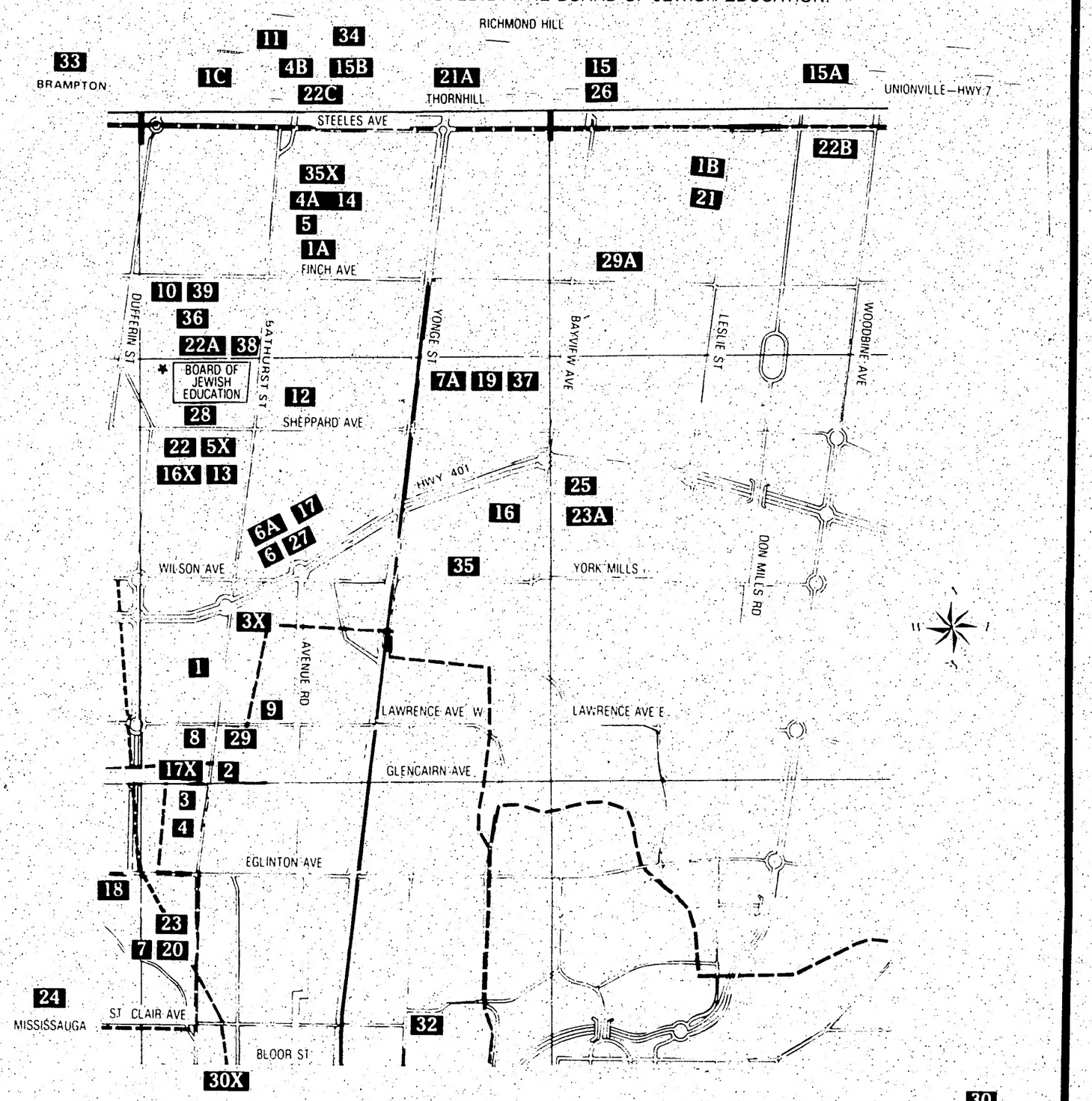

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Moving north with population

Conservative USDS looks back on past 25 years

By
JEFF ROSEN

The 25-year-old United Synagogue Day School is not resting on its laurels.

The Conservative-based day school is currently looking into adding a third campus north of Highway 7 to accommodate the growing numbers of young Jewish families moving to Thornhill and Markham.

"As the population moves north, we move with it," said the school's director of education.

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, who was recently promoted to director of education after 25 years as principal of USDS, said the school has come a long way from its beginnings.

Nussbaum said that when he arrived at the school in 1961, Beth Tzedec's Foundation School had just been turned into the inter-congregational USDS and enrolment was just over 66 students. Today the school holds a total of over 800 students from nursery to grade 9 at its Bathurst campus at Beth Tzedec and from junior kindergarten to grade 6 at its Bayview campus at Beth Tikvah. It is also affiliated with eight Conservative synagogues throughout the city.

He said that parents today are much more concerned about providing a Jewish education for their children, than 25 years ago.

Nussbaum said USDS started as an academic school with an emphasis on Hebrew language instruction and Jewish subjects. While learning from many of the "fads and developments" that have taken place over the past 25 years, he said the school's emphasis remains essentially the same.

One of the learning developments Nussbaum said the school incorporated was computer instruction, in English and Hebrew studies.

The school's curriculum covers traditional texts with modern Hebrew, and students study classic and modern commentaries. At the same time, they are allowed to discuss their own religious experiences while focusing on traditional observances, Nussbaum pointed out.

"Like the Conservative movement we're strong on Jewish peoplehood," Nussbaum said. "We emphasize Conservative community aspects of celebrations."

The school also runs field trips to the Science Centre and museums and special in-school and holiday programs.

The school's annual Science Fair provides an opportunity for the junior high students to demonstrate both their research skills and their awareness of current concerns and technology. The Learnathon program exemplifies the school's philosophy of integrating general and Judaic studies.

Its emphasizes student awareness of the continuing relevance of Judaic tradition to concerns of modern life.

"We're proud of the fact that a winner of the Bible Contest came from our school," Nussbaum said.

For more information on USDS call 781-5658 or 225-1143.

Reform's Leo Baeck stresses love of learning

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Leo Baeck Jewish day school has set up an annual program to harness children's unbounded curiosity and energy.

Every year as spring makes its appearance, the school holds a non-competitive science fair. Every year parents and teachers are pleasantly surprised at the interesting, high-quality displays engineered by the school's sprouting scientists.

This year was no exception, despite the absence of a 1st-prize or other award, says Karen Friedman, assistant director at the school.

All the pupils, from grades 1 through 8, participated in the project — a total of about 320.

Some displays demonstrated scientific principles, while others described various natural phenomenon.

Models of the solar system nudged up against miniature volcanoes and beaver dams. The functioning of electricity as well as of the kishkes, 'er, the digestive system, was also explained. Senior students presented a research project on the behavior of crickets in a closed environment.

The would-be David Suzukis and Jay Ingrams also were on hand to describe their projects to passersby at the 2-day fare.

That way, the kids could share their knowledge with other students and exchange ideas for future projects, says Friedman.

Extrinsic rewards for learning are unnecessary, goes the theory. Children are happy to learn for the joy of learning, if they are properly motivated.

"What we're trying to stress is participatory learning and enjoyment," says Friedman. "Our educational philosophy is the love of learning — non-competitive learning. If you compete with anyone, it's yourself."

Instead of prizes and awards, the children are expected to be motivated by the "intrinsic rewards" associated with the projects. "The act of investigating is rewarding in itself," notes Friedman.

And if all goes according to plan, what the children learn, in addition to the content of the projects, is how to organize oneself, to plan in advance and to take pride in a job well done.

While Friedman would not say whether the non-competitive fair represents a growing trend, at least one other Jewish school — Bialik Hebrew Day School — also features that sort of fair.

Says Friedman: Parents and teachers are pleased. If the large crowds were any indicator, the event was a success.

Next year the fair will run over three days to accommodate all the spectators.

Or Ha'emet teaches the Sephardic way

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Or Ha'emet is in its 11th year of providing a day school education for the Sephardic community in Toronto.

Rabbi Amram Assayag, its educational director, explained that the students, many of whom come from French or Moroccan families, had difficulties in the general day school system, where the tradition, customs, pronunciation of Hebrew and even the prayers and religious services were different from what they experienced at home.

With the existence of Or Ha-emet, Rabbi Assayag says, the communication gap between parents and children, once very great because of the educational system to which the children were exposed, now does not exist.

While much of the curriculum is regular Orthodox day school program, there are certain distinctive features here.

An intense French language program helps maintain the children's attachment to and understanding of the heritage of their parents, as does the teaching of Sephardic customs.

The Sephardic prayers and synagogue ritual are taught both by example, and by specially designed tapes, which are found in each classroom.

Children in the higher grades write essays each year on the great Sephardic scholars.

The 200 students currently attend classes in rented quarters at Adath Israel and Temple Sinai synagogues, but Rabbi Assayag reports that a parcel of land has been made available to the school on Bathurst St. just north of Steeles, and fundraising for a permanent structure is expected to begin next year.

Rabbi Assayag stressed the importance of the school supporting and enhancing the unique customs found in Sephardic homes.

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4. Bar Mitzvah preparation shall include instruction in putting on Tefillin.
5. Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates shall attend Shabbat Services regularly for at least two years prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Junior Congregation attendance fulfills this requirement.
6. In case of special circumstances, such as physical, emotional or educational disabilities, or inaccessibility of a school, exceptions from these rules may be granted upon the recommendation of the Rabbi and Educational Director.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Feuerstein method employed

At She'arim, care helps overcome disabilities

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

"Mummy, why can't I learn to read like Johnny?" This plaintive wail may be the first indication parents have that their child has a learning problem.

The term "learning problem," or "learning disability," as it may be called in more severe cases, refers to a difficulty with the mechanics of learning. This can range from an attention span too short to permit the child to take in the information taught, to problems with small motor co-ordination, which would make it difficult for the children to write, to the classic dyslexia, where children actually see things reversed. The child may have several areas of concern.

Learning, explains teacher Dory Levine, occurs in three stages, consisting of the taking in of information, the processing of information in the brain, and, finally, the sending out of a message about what you have learned. Problems may arise in any of these processes.

Until recently, these children were often considered stupid or just plain lazy. One can appreciate the frustration and anguish these children must feel when the simplest learning task appears impossible.

There is no correlation at all between intelligence and the presence of a learning problem; indeed, many of these children are quite bright.

The question arises as to how best to educate them. The first impulse is to remove them from a dual language program. French immersion schools follow this procedure; a recent article in the Toronto Star quoted some parents as deploring the absence of programs for the learning disabled in these schools.

For those parents committed to a Jewish education for their children, the question is not simplistic. Hebrew language, the learning of traditions, Jewish values, an appreciation of their identity as a Jew, and the need for these children to remain a part of their family and community are all important.

About 25 years ago, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, together with parents concerned that their learning disabled children were not getting any Jewish training, founded the Ezra School.

Ezra meets on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school wing of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. There are now nine children attending the school. They may be in special education classes in the public school system, in a regular class with special remedial help, or simply have difficulty adjusting to a regular afternoon school.

Ezra's emphasis is on reading Hebrew, holidays, and history. The production of elaborate murals, music, and arts and crafts promote a fun atmosphere in which to learn. All teachers have special education training.

For further information, call Elaine Rubinoff, at 633-8247.

In 1981, several parents felt that a day school education was essential for their children with learning disabilities, and so, with the help of Rabbi Kelman and Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, She'arim Hebrew Day School was born.

Elaine Rubinoff, its dynamic principal, stresses that She'arim basically is just like any other day school, following both Board of Jewish Education rules and the guidelines of the Ontario Ministry of Education. The difference is in how the teaching is accomplished.

Classes are small, especially for reading, writing and math. The specially trained teachers work with each child to enable him or her to reach his or her own particular goals.

A special effort is made to involve the parents. In the younger grades, the homework book is an especially effective tool. It not only records assignments, with which the parents are encouraged to assist, but serves as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

Twice a year, parent-teacher conferences are held to review each child's progress. All the child's teachers are present for the half-hour session, so that a complete picture is provided.

The school uses a successful method of teaching based on one developed by Israel educator Reuven Feuerstein.

Special trips, parties and assemblies help to make the program more fun. A math fair is held every year, and there is a special party whenever a child begins to study Chumash.

The goal is to mainstream the children back to a regular school. The 10 who are leaving this year, reports Mrs. Rubinoff, are going to public schools, Leo Baeck, United Synagogue Day Schools, and Ner Israel.

Because the children come from the whole spectrum of religious observance, Mrs. Rubinoff points out, they are taught to accept other people's beliefs and standards.

The school, which now has 43 students, meets in the school wing of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Elder St. in Downsview. For registration and further information, call Mrs. Rubinoff, at 633-8247.

Netivot blends tradition, Zion, individuality

By
JEFF ROSEN

Netivot HaTorah Day School has grown so rapidly since starting out in September, 1984 that it is ready to burst its seams at its present location, says the school's education director.

Rabbi Zev Shimansky, a veteran of 26 years in Jewish education, said the centrist-Orthodox day school was founded by a group of parents to fill a perceived void in the community.

"They wanted a Zionistic school that stressed Hebrew language instruction and which had a significant founding in religion, as well as one which stressed the individual child's creativity and was receptive to parent attitudes," said Shimansky.

Starting out with a student enrolment of 40 in junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and grade 1, Shimansky said they first expected to add one grade each year until the day school reached grade 8. However due to its rapid growth Netivot HaTorah added on grades 3 and 4 this year as its student population more than quadrupled to 164.

Shimansky said the school will be adding a grade 5 class and a second grade 1 class for the 1986-87 school year. He said current regisration for next year is more than 225 students.

"The demand is greater then anticipated," the educational director said. "Growth is always welcome, but we're already bursting at the seams."

To alleviate the problem, Shimansky said the school is looking at a number of possibilities including adding on portable classrooms to its present location at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am at 55 Yeomans Rd. or renting or purchasing a school building.

Shimansky stressed the importance of a Jewish education, saying that children who attend day school are less likely to "step out of the faith.

"I believe it is essential in this age of flagrant assimilation (for a Jewish education)," he said.

Shimansky said classes at Netivot HaTorah will remain co-educational until grade 7 when boys and girls will be separated. Despite the separation though, he said the commitment to education will remain the same and Talmud will be taught to both sexes.

While formal reading programs in English and Hebrew do not start until grade 1, Shimansky said Hebrew instruction starts as early as junior kindergarten.

He said the day school is level-oriented with a few groups in each class to allow children to move from level to level at their own speed.

"Teachers must be able to group students appropriately," Shimansky said. (phone: 636-4050)

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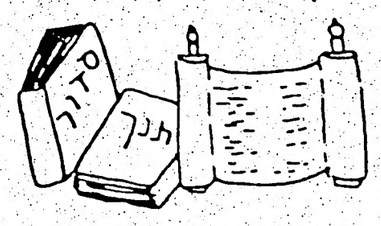

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

"Jewish history teaches us we have to be active"

CHAT involves students in communal concerns

A sense of social responsibility pervades the academic and extra-curricular student activity at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Founded in 1960 to provide a comprehensive Jewish high school education for day school graduates, CHAT has fostered an environment in which students actively pursue their identity as socially conscious Jews outside the classroom.

This educational philosophy is succinctly stated by CHAT Headmaster, Rabbi Marvin Pachino: "The involvment of CHAT students in communal and social concerns, whether they have a local focus or whether they focus upon the plight of Jews in distant lands, is an important aspect of our curricular and extra-curricular concerns.

"We view it as crucial that young Jews in Canada develop a feeling of kinship with Jews throughout the world, and a special sense of identifcation with Jews who suffer as Jews in countries such as Syria and the Soviet Union."

The students express this identification mainly through such organizations as the Oppressed Jewry Committee, the Israel Affairs Committee and other special activities arranged by the Student Council.

A fairly recent example of student activism was a lunchtime protest put together by the Oppressed Jewry Committee.

The demonstration was held to express solidarity with Refusenik Vladimir Lifshitz, then awaiting trial for "defaming the Soviet state," and subsequently sentenced to three years of hard labor.

"We feel it is very important that in addition to the studying and academic work that we make Judaism live," says David Debow, student council president.

"We have an active program of supporting our brothers in the Soviet Union. The school is very supportive of this program," Debow adds.

Support from the school takes three forms, Debow says: The school encourages and helps to bring in relevant speakers; it affords students time for these activities; and it provides funds for programing.

"Jewish history teaches us we have to be active," says Esther Frasko, chairman of the Oppressed Jewry Committee. "Active Jews are knowledgeable Jews and knowledgeable Jews become leaders," she says.

Among the other activities the committee (composed of eight active members and staff advisor, Rabbi Avner Yeshurun) has sponsored this year, is an adopt a Refusenik program.

To make a more personal bridge between themselves and Russian Jews, the committee "adopted" Efim Kelman. They sent him a Chanukah card and held a birthday party for him.

Each of the other committees and the student council have also found projects to pursue says Gary Levine, activities director.

The Israel affairs committee, (under chairman Anna Urowitz and Rabbi Yeshurun), have concentrated on informing students about what is happening in Israel and sent a petition of protest on the 10th anniversary of the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The religious affairs Committee responsible for consciousness raising on religious issues has performed such tasks as visiting hospitals during Sukkot with lulavim and etrogim.

And the Student Council has organized the raising of tzedakah by donating 10% of funds received from the selling of student activity cards; by proceeds from a Trivia night; and profits from Channukagrams, small internal telegrams.

The student council also sent a telegram congratulating Natan Sharansky on his freedom and the selling of trees during Tu B'shvat.

Student activities form only part of the total educational experience at CHAT.

The school's statement of philosophy and purpose refers to transmitting "the totality of the Jewish experience — its religious teachings, its sense of peoplehood, its literature, culture and national aspirations," while achieving excellence in its general studies program.

For more information, contact the school at (416) 636-5984, or write it at 200 Wilmington Ave. Downsview, M3H 5J8.

Bnei Akiva grads excel

By SERGE TITTLEY

Peter Seidman is proud of two things.

The first is that both Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Senior High School for Women — he's principal of secular studies at both — are fast track high schools that produce graduates of the highest quality.

The other is that both are Orthodox institutions which inculcate a love and dedication to Torah True Judaism.

As fast track institutions, they allow students to complete Ontario's 5-year secondary program in four years. And that makes for remarkable schedules.

Boys at the yeshiva, part of the religious Zionist Bnei Akiva movement, start their day at 7.30 a.m. with the morning service. The girls have a more leisurely beginning, at 8.10 a.m. Boys are busy with Jewish studies, secular curricula, and athletics until after 6 p.m. Girls leave slightly earlier.

"It's a very, very long day for the kids," agrees Seidman, but it is one which he has no doubt is of lasting value to them.

The programs at both schools have two aims: enabling graduates to take up whatever professional studies they aim for, and providing them with what the principal calls a ruach (spirit) that will pervade their lives, giving them a love of Torah along with an excellent appreciation for the right kind of secular education.

"We've put a lot of kids into professional schools," Seidman says proudly.

Currently, the yeshiva has 53 students, the girl's high school 58, with the total enrolment averaging about 112 over the past several years.

While being interviewed for the education supplement, Seidman was overseeing installation of a mobile advertising panel announcing the school's annual theatre production. This too is an important part of the education process, the principal said.

While raising money for school projects, it teaches the young people their responsibility to tzedakah. Other projects include regularly scheduled visits to seniors' residences and hospitals. The principal has developed a project which involves pupils visiting the elderly for joint study of English literature. An Or Chaim-sponsored raffle last year raised $1,500 for Ethiopian Jewry.

While the yeshiva students don't have the opportunity to engage in that much charity work — their energies are often spent in basketball tournaments — they do take part in fund raising ventures like car washes and bowl-a-thons.

Out-of-town girl students may board with families during the school year. Or Chaim's young men have dormitory facilities on the premises.

Or Chaim is located at 159 Aldmore Avenue, 630-6772, and Ulpanat Orot at 45 Canyon Avenue, 638-5434, both in Downsview.

Downtown school buoyant on Bible

What do computer baseball, ice skating, and visiting friends have in common? Students at the Downtown Jewish Community School, located at the Jewish Community Centre, Bloor branch, know the answer — it's Bible study!

A small group of students pursue all these activities and more in conjunction with their preparation for the Toronto Local Bible Contest (sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education) and the Regional and National Bible Contests (sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation). Into already tightly packed schedules, they cram precious extra hours of Torah study by meeting regularly in each others homes, and at the homes of their tutor, Deborah Schoenfeld, and teacher, Ruth Stransky. After study, Mrs. Stransky serves her students hot chocolate and takes them ice skating at the Forest Hill Rink.

"What's most important to me is that the whole family gets involved in learning Torah," reports Mrs. Stransky. "They study with the children and are enthusiastic about the program.

Part of the program also involves answering Bible questions on a computer. For each question the students answers correctly, a "hit" is scored. Correct answers to more difficult questions can earn a double, triple, or even a homerun. Students enjoy the game, but also benefit educationally.

Downtown Jewish Community School principal Joan Schoenfeld has involved her school in Bible contests for the past four years. This year, she serves as a member of the Canadian Zionist Federation's National Bible Contest Committee.

According to Schoenfeld, "Teaching love of Torah in an intensive, involving way can be problematic in supplementary schools because classes meet for so few hours a week. Our solution has been to offer an optional after-school intensive study program."

Telephone principal Joan Schoenfeld at 923-6213.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Range of religious content

Part-time schools' programs differ

By SERGE TITTLEY

Nearly 6,400 students are enrolled this year in Toronto's supplementary Jewish schools. Their offerings are as wide ranging as are the religious ideologies they seek to perpetuate.

The Holy Blossom Temple Religious School, 1950 Bathurst St., remains the largest supplementary school, with an enrolment of 933 students. Hebrew studies are offered twice weekly in the late afternoon and in two sessions on Saturday. Parents of pupils and students must be Temple members.

Bet Sefer Solel, the congregational religious school of Mississauga's Solel congregation, has a special approach to its educational philosophy. Director of education Joy Wasserman explains that at Solel children are taught by volunteer teachers selected from the congregation. The 275 young people there attend sessions on Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings at 2266 Council Ring Rd. The Bet Sefer runs programs for grade 4 and up students. Wasserman says a teaching staff of over 40 assures a caring quality and attitude. "These are the people they see every Shabbat; they are real role models," she says.

Temple Sinai Religious School, 210 Wilson Ave., has a comprehensive approach. Sandra Raben, director of education, says there's everything from a Mommie-and-Me program for 18-month-olds, to preschool for 2-year olds, three mornings a week, to a special nursery school for three and 4-year olds five days a week in both morning and afternoon sessions. Also highlighted is a special bar/bat mitzvah program which matches a student to a social service project sponsored by one of 13 organizations. The program, now in its 12th year, also has the student keep a diary of experiences, which is then shared at the student's bar/bat mitzvah.

Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., has a religious school program emphasizing the bar/bat mitzvah preparation, Hebrew language, and Judaic studies. Marlene Myerson, director of education, reports the enrolment at 200 students and expects no dramatic changes in numbers. The temple is a limited membership congregation currently at its maximum of 325 families.

Parents can also take advantage of supplementary Judaic studies programs offered by schools not affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. Among these are the North York Community Hebrew School and Torah Ohr Hebrew Schools.

Torah Ohr, a private school operated by Michael Rubinoff, holds its classes at the Steelesview and Fairway public schools. The program, reports Rubinoff, is traditionally oriented and emphasizes Hebrew reading and writing, history, customs, and synagogue skills and prayers. The school, which opened in 1954, has an enrolment of several hundred, one which has increased 40% over the past year alone, Rubinoff says.

The **North York Community Hebrew School** holds its classes Sunday mornings at Fisherville Junior High School, 425 Patricia Ave. The school, which has 400 students, is non-denominational and, say administrators, boasts a low student-teacher ratio. The school is 24 years old.

At supplementary schools

Choices: culture, religion

Some supplementary Jewish schools prefer to put the accent on Jewish culture rather than religion.

The **Morris Winchevsky School,** 585 Cranbrooke Ave., is one. It continues the tradition of Yiddish learning. Three teachers instruct students in Yiddish, art, and social studies and literature. Students are drawn from all over the city.

A school in a similar vein is the **Workmen's Circle Peretz School** which has two branches, one at 471 Lawrence Ave. W., and the other at 648 Finch Ave. W. The school's curriculum emphasizes Yiddish, Hebrew, custom, and social history. Programs are available on Sundays for high school age students.

The **Borochov School,** 272 Codsell Ave., is affiliated with the Labor Zionist Movement. It has programs for toddlers to teens which place the emphasis on Yiddish and Hebrew learning. Students are drawn mainly from the Thornhill to Wilson areas.

Most schools, however, remain committed to Jewish religious practice.

The Mildred Arnoff Memorial School, at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., has 65 students, half of whom are from families not affiliated with the congregation. That high percentage, explains school principal Al Freireich, is because the school is the only one on a subway line. That makes it easy to draw pupils from all over the city. Freireich says the school has a very low student-teacher ratio, "and the lowest tuition in the city."

Like UCS, Beth Tikvah, and Beth Sholom, the Adath Israel and Beth Tzedec religious schools are affiliated with the Conservative movement.

Adath Israel offers a program of Hebrew, Bible, customs, prayer and history on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. A new high school program is taught on Mondays and Wednesdays as well.

Beth Tzedec congregational school, at 1700 Bathurst St., accommodates about 230 students from kindergarten to high school. The school is housed in a complex adjacent to one of the largest synagogues on the continent, and can take full advantage of the many resources that situation makes possible.

Eitz Chaim Evening School is one of the relatively few remaining Orthodox supplementary schools. Its principal, Rabbi Tzvi Cohen, says it gives its students, most of whom are from non-Orthodox homes, a chance to be "exposed to Judaism as seen through Orthodox eyes." The co-ed school, at 475 Patricia Ave., has programs for children aged seven to 14, and a current enrollment of 80.

One of the few opportunities for supplementary Jewish schooling available to families living downtown is provided by the **Hillel Children's Workshop.** Its sessions are held at the Jewish Students Union-B'nai Brith/Hillel house on Spadina Avenue near the University of Toronto. There is a nursery program for 2- to 5-year olds, and Sunday morning classes which stress Hebrew and the involvement of parents in the study of Jewish holidays and observances. The workshop was started by mostly unaffiliated families. Judy Rogers, (phone: 531-6508), is its co-ordinator.

Daycare centre offering resource centre for parents

Love and Care Daycare Centre (phone 881-1481), currently at 53 Bevshire Circle in Thornhill, augments its children's program with a unique service: a resource centre for parents to learn about child nutrition, behavioral problems, and safety.

Coming up at the resource centre, which operates Wednesdays between 4 and 6 p.m., is a childcare lecture in conjunction with ther Jewish Family and Child Services.

Said Devorah Weinberg, Love and Care director: "We also make available ideas and resources for parents to encourage learning at home. We direct parents to the wealth of resources available in the community, such as parenting courses, government services, and special events and programs."

Parent Drora Cohen reads study at Love and Care resource centre.

Discussions are supplemented by a variety of books, magazines and pamphlets.

Love and Care, with an attendance of 50 children now, began in September, 1984. This autumn it plans to move into the new Eitz-Chaim Schools building going up in Vaughan.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

At National Education Conference

Hebrew seen as integral to school curriculum

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — For a language that has proved such an intrinsic part of Jewish history and experience, the role of Hebrew in the Jewish day school curriculum is still very much a subject for debate.

This was clearly in evidence at a community workshop held here recently at the National Education Conference.

According to David Gamliel, principal at Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day school, the study of Hebrew is essential for producing a well-rounded and identifying Jew, reminding those present that "a living nation builds on the past, lives the present, and prepares for the future," based on its treatment and respect for the language.

"Eliezer Ben-Yehudah (who adapted ancient Hebrew to modern usage) saw this," he said. "A dead culture is just the memories of its language."

Gamliel stressed that Hebrew instruction is more vital than ever, especially since "children are not going to shuls their parents were."

But improvement must be made in its instruction, he said. At the moment we are testing "not knowledge, but memory." Kids are also scared by the lack of organization in instruction, "stuffing them while they choke."

"Living the language" by immersion techniques will be the most important tool in promoting Hebrew and assuring its survival, he said.

David Cohen, principal at Toronto's Leo Baeck Day School, did not agree.

He said that "Hebrew doesn't mean Jewish . . . If Torah is just an excuse for another Hebrew lesson, then we haven't done our job."

The only hope we have for students to take a real interest in Hebrew is to spur them on "to take risks, ask questions" and thereby "personalize and internalize" the experience.

Instead of the common practice of teaching "Ivrit b'ivrit" (Hebrew in Hebrew), Cohen recommended using any language that would enhance interest and comprehension, and to instruct "according to the ability of the child."

Right now, said Cohen, "we are teaching Hebrew past the saturation point and scaring them away. Instead of scaring them, let's encourage them."

Rabbi Marvin Pachino of Toronto's Hebrew Academy described any Jewish education without Hebrew as "defective."

Instead of an end, Hebrew should be treated as a means, "a key to the door of a people's spiritual heritage . . . a continuum in Jewish history."

Reading and writing Hebrew must be seen "as important and indispensible skills" as well as a basis for appreciating "our culture and writings."

Part of the solution lies in cultivating the desire to read and making entry into the Jewish school system less problematic for late arrivals by using more flexible standards. When Pachino left Indiana several years ago, he encountered difficulty findings entry for his children at Jewish parochal schools because they lacked the required Hebrew experience.

"But that's why I left," he told them.

Several other issues emerged from the panelists and audience: gifted children, long term goals, Israeli versus native-trained Hebrew teachers, and the use of computers.

The most important thing to realize, said Gamliel, is that "we are at a crisis situation — the conference could have dealt only with this issue." At the moment, he said, "we are moving by inertia, holding the same ideas and beliefs."

Perhaps Nachum Wilchesky, director of education at Montreal's Jewish People's and Peretz schools, summed it up best, saying that "the crux of the matter is that we really have not yet found a way to teach the language." It's extremly difficult to teach "and we break our necks doing it," he said.

"We're looking for the panacea," agreed Pachino, "but still have to find the formula.

But linguists agree, he said, that the single most important factor is providing a communal context.

Giving of talent to community

Beth Jacob pushes potential

By
SERGE TITTLEY

Service to the community and the giving of one's talent is at the heart of the learning experience offered by the Beth Jacob High School for Girls, says its principal, Rabbi Akiva Stefansky.

"There are schools that just have classrooms and teachers and make subjects available, but I think the products of these schools do not fend very well for themselves, nor do they make the proper contributions to the community," says the rabbi.

The caring guidance of each individual student is an essential part of the education offered by Beth Jacob, he maintains.

Although the majority of students are graduates of Orthodox day schools, Stefansky points out that the high school, which is Orthodox, accepts people "from all over." The school has absorbed people who did not know the Hebrew alphabet when they arrived.

Remedial teaching and tutoring by volunteer alumni in all subjects taught at Beth Jacob are readily available, the principal adds. It's all part of what he maintains is a schooling environment which permits "every student to fulfill her potential."

All courses offered at the school are designated advanced according to the classification provided by the Ontario ministry of education.

"What is most important to me is that there is a harmony within students between what they are and what they aspire to be," the rabbi says.

Most Beth Jacob graduates go on to further studies where the rabbi hopes they will acquire further skills to be of service to their community.

"We are in this world to contribute, not to take. And the best contribution for a Jewish woman to make is to contribute to education," Stefansky says.

About 100 students are enrolled at Beth Jacob, where tuition runs at $3,800 annually for Grade 9, $3,990 for Grade 10, and $4,575 for Grades 11 and up. But the tuition charged does not fully pay for delivery of the curriculum, the rabbi says. It costs at least $5,850 to teach each student. The shortfall is made up in contributions.

Beth Jacob's learning environment is designed functionally, in attractive surroundings at the campus at 410 Lawrence Ave. W. In addition to a comprehensive library, a number of learning activity centres have been established, in language arts, mathematics and the sciences. A number of computers are available, as is a firing kiln for the art classes, an item contributed by the school's sisterhood.

Beth Jacob also houses the Jacob Perlman Teachers' Seminary, which the school literature describes as "a foundation for survival."

The seminary has been in existence for 10 years and has produced 70 graduates in that time. There are currently seven students, a low because last year's graduating class of seniors at Beth Jacob — from which the seminary draws nearly all its applicants — was itself small. The full-time curriculum has students on the go from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stefansky says seminary students are taught a professional curriculum designed to help them identify and respond Jewishly to all aspects of child growth and development. The accent is on practical teaching skills and classroom management.

The 2-year program is often followed, or preceded, by a year in Israel. Many seminary graduates find positions in Toronto's extensive network of Jewish day and supplementary schools. And although about half the graduates marry "outside of the city," as the rabbi says, many of these will find their way back to Toronto.

Summing up his school's philosophy, Stefansky said the purpose of Beth Jacob "is to develop individuals who guarantee the continued healthy existence of the Jewish people."

Kadima singers earn ovation

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

This year, a new feature was added to the Board of Jewish Education's annual music concert (Zimria) — the students of Kadima School. The ovation they received was not only moving for the organizers, but also gave a tremendous sense of pride to the students and their parents, reports Ruth Kelman, Kadima principal.

The Kadima School was founded in 1961 by Rabbi Joseph Kelman, of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation in Downsview. It was the first Hebrew school in Canada to serve the mentally handicapped, says Mrs. Kelman, and is a model for North America.

The students, who range from youngsters to adults, come for between 1½ to two hours every Sunday, to Kadima's classrooms in the school wing of Beth Emeth.

The warm relaxed atmosphere makes it not just a learning experience but a social outlet as well. "Everyone feels comfortable and enjoys coming," says Mrs. Kelman.

The curriculum, which is, of course, geared to the levels and abilities of the students, covers Jewish rituals, holidays, Bible stories, music and crafts. A weekly service, held in the Beth Emeth chapel, includes such familiar prayers as Ein Kelokeinu and Eit Chaim Chai and is designed to familiarize them with synagogue procedure.

Mentally disabled Jewish patients living at the Huronia Institute in Orillia are brought to the school to help celebrate holidays like Sukkot and Chanukah. Everyone particularly enjoys the model seder, held close to Passover.

The school has trained some students to their bar mitzvah, an event neither they nor their parents had ever thought possible.

Mrs. Kelman tries to give the students as many normal everyday Jewish experiences as possible. They take part in the UJA walkathon, and appear for Purim in colorful and imaginative costumes.

The school currently has 20 students, but, as Mrs. Kelman points out, is willing and anxious to increase in size.

Many parents don't realize the benefit these people derive from identification with their Jewish heritage. "They have a feeling of belonging — a new confidence from being part of their community," she said.

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For registration contact the principal, Joseph Klinger at 884-9730 or 787-0197.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Commitment to place graduates

Midrasha still provides community teachers

By
SERGE TITTLEY

The development of alternative teaching training programs here has not diminished the importance of the Midrasha L'Morim as a leading source of locally trained teachers for the Jewish community's own school system.

The Midrasha, or Jewish Teachers' Seminary, is operated by the Board of Jewish Education. It has been serving Ontario Jewry since 1953.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, heads the seminary, which this year has an enrolment of 63.

The prospective teachers are involved in a rigorous academic program which includes Pentateuch, Prophets, Mishna, Jewish law, history and philosophy, modern Hebrew, pedagogy, psychology, and classroom management. Graduate teachers, who receive certification from the board, are matched to classroom vacancies according to their individual aptitudes, preferences, and religious background.

While becoming a teacher with the Board of Jewish Education "requires a discipline in terms of attendance, exams, and writing," says Witty, the Midrasha takes seriously its commitment to place its graduates.

"The name of the game is not to simply educate people who are 'all dressed up with nowhere to go.'"

There are other sources of teachers for the Jewish system here in Toronto. A few years ago York University's faculty of education inaugurated a 5-year undergraduate program in which students study for both bachelor of arts (which has a strong Judaica component), and bachelor of education degrees. Beth Jacob High School for Girls offers a teacher-training program for its grduates, while Ner Israel Yeshiva has sent some of its graduates to Israel for training in education.

Most Midrasha students come from the city's Jewish day schools. Their Hebrew language skills are usually good enough to permit them to follow a curriculum delivered almost entirely in Hebrew.

Witty also points out that despite the local source of prospective teachers, Toronto remains the world's leading importer of "teacher-shlichim." These are Israelis who come to Canada to teach in Jewish schools, through the sponsorship of the World Zionist Organization's Department of Torah Education and Culture.

The Midrasha is important for many of these arrivals from Israel too, says Witty.

While Israelis require no help with Hebrew, their Yiddishkeit may be lacking. The Midrasha curriculum can help balance that. Witty recalls that one highly educated woman, who held a master's degree in European literature, had done no serious work in Judaica since high school. "But through our teacher training program she learned about her tradition and became very enthusiastic."

On the other hand, some men with a yeshiva background may lack knowledge of child psychology, or time and classroom management. There, too, the Midrasha can teach those skills essential to teachers who must deal effectively with children.

Tuition is $145 per course, with a special rate of $385 for the full program. While courses in the regular academic year are taught in Hebrew, summer session courses are usually taught in English.

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"Our mandate has been to offer programs in Jewish studies as well as in general studies in order to provide a well-rounded degree program (which leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Judaica)," he says.

The college attempts to infuse age-old Jewish ethical principles into the totality of the lives of students, Billigheimer says.

It is a challenging position to maintain, demanding as it does a balance between serious study in Jewish subjects such as philosophy, history, Hebrew, Bible and Talmud, with university level courses in literature, psychology, education, and mathematics.

"We insist that a person should come out with a clear vocational training and also a clear understanding of the culture of Canada and of the world in which we live," Billigheimer explains.

In 1972 the college added a 4-year honors program to its existing 3-year BA in Judaica. Both programs include majors in areas of general studies, made available through McMaster University. Students may also take courses at other institutions, such as Toronto and York universities, and have their credits transfered to Maimonides College.

Courses are offered mainly in Toronto, using facilities at the northern and southern campuses of Eitz Chaim Schools. Some courses are available elsewhere, such as Hamilton and Windsor, as demand warrants.

The college's leadership, besides Dr. Billigheimer, includes Rabbi Dr. Moses J. Burak, chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Schochet, and U of T Arabist scholar Prof. Eleazar Birnbaum, vice-president.

The college's slogan is taken from Maimonides, the medieval Jewish philosopher and halachist.

The aims of its education, Billigheimer says are hesed (kindness), misphat (justice), and tzedakah (charitableness).

Most of Maimonides College's students have already acquired elementary and secondary schooling within the Jewish school system. Says Billigheimer: "Primarily (they) want an adult, indepth understanding of Jewish philosophy, religion, and cultural values."

Students become part of one of four separate colleges at the school: Yeshurun College for men and Morasha College for women who are fulltime students, and Masora College for men and Temima College for women who are part-time students.

The approach of combining an awareness of the demands and opportunities of the modern world with that of classical Jewish thought and religious discipline is not new, adds Billigheimer. Leading thinkers in the 18th and 19th centuries formulated this combination of Torah with derech eretz (living in the world).

Making that combination work in a secular society presents great challenges to a small institution. The administrator does believe such a curriculum and learning environment can appeal to a broad range of students, particularly within the Jewish community.

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A special Hebrew stream for students with a day school background has been introduced in grade 7. It was evident that these students required a revised curriculum so that they might continue to use and improve their Hebrew language skills.

A junior high school program has replaced the standard grade 7 so that students may choose from course options in the Beth Tikvah High School program as well as from a core curriculum.

The high school courses offer students from grade 8 up a variety of subjects ranging from Yiddish to Holocaust and Jewish Resistance and a Baycrest volunteer program.

The school offers classes from kindergarten to "post grade 10," as well as a Hebrew language credit program for grades 10-13, granting a language credit recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

As well, the Tikvat Hayim Education Program is available for the learning disabled child, every Sunday morning.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Full-fledged all day Sunday school

Orah helps meet needs of Soviet immigrants

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Toronto has the distinction of being the home of the only all day Sunday School for Russian Jewish immigrant children in North America.

The Orah School was founded about eight years ago, through the efforts of the Board of Jewish Education and what is now the Association for Soviet Jewry in Canada. They were concerned that Russian immigrant children with little Jewish experience or education, were not going to either day schools or afternoon Jewish schools and thus might be lost to Judaism.

Beginning as a social program in the first year, with minimal Jewish content, seven years ago it became a full-fledged all day Sunday School, with Gary Levine as principal, Berta Soroka, who had been an educator in Russia, became its administrator. "The first week we had only 6 students — there were more teachers than kids!" remembers Levine. "Now we have over 60 children, including a pre-school."

An innate problem the school must contend with is that each age group includes children with different educational levels and amounts of Jewish experience. Accordingly, an attempt must be made to personalize the program.

Each of the classes has two instructors: a senior teacher, certified by the Board of Jewish Education, and a junior one, usually a high school student, who has been through the day school system. They are chosen not only for their teaching abilities, which must be exceptional, but also for their warmth. "They become positive role models and friends," says Levine.

The curriculum emphasizes Jewish traditions, such as Shabbat, the Jewish life cycle, holidays, Hebrew language, including the prayer book to a certain extent, and history. Each subject is dealt with differently according to the level of each class.

The resources of the board's media centre are used liberally, as are its education consulting services, including those of reading specialist Shoshana Kurtz. "We have to prepare many of our texts ourselves," points out Levine.

There is a music program each Sunday, as well as crafts for the younger children. A short assembly before lunch (which is provided by the school) serves to develop a sense of a school community.

The last 1½ hours of each day is devoted to Russian language education, on the assumption that these children's heritage should be preserved. They have an opportunity to discuss their Hebrew learning in Russian, which strengthens both.

Levine is beginning to have some success in getting the parents involved. "It must be remembered," he points out, "that the concept of Jewish education is totally foreign to them. There haven't been any formal Jewish schools in Russia for over 70 years."

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Teaching learning disabled

Fried shuns use of labels

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Rabbi Herschel Fried, a world authority in the field of educating learning disabled children, shuns the jargon of his chosen profession.

Instead of the terms dyslexia, discalcula, minimum brain dysfunction, or any of the other scientific nomenclature used in his field, Fried prefers a simpler, more precise description: Der kop arbet nisht azoy gut (The head isn't working so well).

The choice of words is indicative of Fried's general unpretentiousness. An Orthodox Jew, Fried is founder and dean of Jewish Centres for Special education in New York, Jerusalem, London and Montreal.

He prefers his terminology simple and clear.

At a workshop held recently at the National Education Conference on Special Education: Teaching and Reaching Every Child, Fried gave an overview of his common sense and Talmudic approach to getting through to the learning disabled child — a frustrating experience under most circumstances.

Fried stressed that labels serve all the experts' interests, but not the child's, and push his problems "outside the realm of education."

Instead of focusing on how to label the child (circular thinking, says Fried), educators should concentrate on what the child can or cannot do and proceed from there.

The litany of problems are many: those who can't "switch" properly between what they hear and what to block out; children who can't differentiate between necessary and unnecessary information — "focus in and filter out;" hyperactivity (paying attention to too much); children without the "filing system" to put information into sequence; and such common manifestations of the learning disabled as confusing letters, inability to draw, and remembering ideas but not the "labels" attached to them.

Language, says Fried, is the single best predictor of learning disability at a given age level. So crucial is this factor, he says, that he's redefined the learning disabled child as "one who cannot do well without perfect instruction."

"It is the child without language who cannot fill the gaps filled with such facility by the child with language."

Fried's approach to reaching the child is threefold.

"First, the child needs to know we believe in him, but also that I have expectations.

"This is a big hurdle because he is often shattered, helpless, and afraid to try.

"Second, these children must be continually reinforced positively. Learning is building habits; people do what it pays for them to do. Paying attention is a habit too.

"Third, misader him (put him in order). Children who manifest symptoms but have inherently nothing wrong with them can function in an organized world. An imposed, structured school environment is invaluable — sometimes form is matter.

Teachers should also place less emphasis in covering a required amount of course work, "not how much ground we've covered, but how much they've covered" is what counts, says Fried.

Exactly the same teaching techniques apply to the teaching of religious texts and commentaries, Fried also pointed out. "You can break up Rashi into a readable text to facilitate this," he said.

"The principle to follow is that the core curriculum can be mastered by any child in terms of reading and basic Hebrew vocabulary.

"If he does not have the prerequisite skills, find out what you can teach him and work around those skills. Never, never, say either 'he has it or doesn't have it.'

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WUJS "secret" to be promoted

By
JEFF ROSEN

The World Union of Jewish Students Institute may still be one of the best kept secrets in North America, but if Shaul Landa has anything to say about it it won't be for long.

The assistant director of the WUJS Institute, the International Graduate Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, was recently in Toronto as part of a North American promotion and recruitment tour which included New York, Miami, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and Philadelphia.

While the school, based in Arad, Israel, has been in existence since 1968, the Canadian-born assistant director said it is not very well known in the Diaspora.

"We rely on word of mouth alone as we can't afford to maintain offices," he said. "Shlichim do promote it along with many other programs, but it becomes part of a big alphabet soup."

Landa said he planned to "harness" the creative energy of former students and establish an alumni network to continue promoting the school and to raise funds.

He said that of the 4,000 participants that have gone through the program since its inception, 35% have remained in Israel and the remainder have scattered around the world, primarily in North America.

Landa said that alumni are expected to converge on Arad in 1988 when the school holds a world reunion on its 20th anniversary.

Landa, who made aliya in 1973 with his wife Elana and four children after serving as national director of Canadian Young Judaea and executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said WUJS offers young adults and professionals a transition program in Israel.

Participants must be between the ages of 22 and 32, have a degree or similar qualification from a university or institution of higher learning or a qualification from a recognized professional body and willing to make a 1-year commitment to the program.

"We offer Israel in small bites," he explained.

Landa said the WUJS Institute caters to Jews from 25 countries. Students live in self-contained, furnished apartments and are served one kosher meal each day in the institute's dining room. Each student can be "adopted" by a family in Arad.

Landa said the program is divided into two parts which include 5½ months of intensive Hebrew ulpan combined with Jewish studies courses which include Jewish history, the Middle East, Jewish literature, Holocaust, Zionism and Israeli socie-

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Variety of programs offered

Supplementary schools spring up in north

By LEILA SPEISMAN

Several supplementary Jewish schools now operate in the north and northeast part of Toronto.

Ohalei Yosef Yitzchak is the only Orthodox supplementary school north of Steeles. Beginning eleven years ago in the Don Mills and Simonston area, and for a time running classes at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation at Clark and Bathurst, it has been holding classes in the 1985-86 year at Thornhill Public School at Yonge and Arnold, and at St. Rene Goupil Separate School in the Bayview-John area.

About 200 students are enrolled, and attend from one to three time a week, depending on their age.

Although principal Rabbi David Lawrence and director Hy Cohen recognize that the student body is not, generally speaking, Orthodox in practice, that is the ideology taught at the school. Hebrew language, holidays, religious customs, history and prayer are on the curriculum.

An innovation this year is computer-assisted instruction, on such subjects as Shabbat, reports spokesperson Mitzi Cohen (phone: 663-6681).

Melava Malkas and shabbatons are not only fun for the students, but give them a greater appreciation of Jewish observance.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School, which is affiliated with the United Synagogue of America (Conservative), and Shaareh Haim Congregation, rent premises at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. in Richmond Hill.

The school has grown with the expanding population of the area, reports principal Pnina Spetgang (phone: 884-8400), and now has 120 students from kindergarten to grade 8.

Special tutors and programmes are available for students (and parents) with little or no Jewish background.

Israeli folk dancing is featured here, as well as music, along with the approved curriculum of the umbrella bodies. Children are encouraged to build their own library of books on Jewish subjects. In grade 3, students receive their first siddur from the shul.

The school fosters the philosophy that Jewish education should not stop at bar or bat mitzvah; it now goes up to grade 8.

Well-known Toronto educator Joseph Klinger (phone: 884-9730) is the principal of **Shaar Shalom Religious School,** which meets at Zion Hts. Jr. High School at 5900 Leslie St. Next year, classes will also be held at Thornhill Secondary School at Yonge and Clark.

Klinger says that the students are highly motivated because of the homelike, warm atmosphere in which they are taught the regular Board of Jewish Education and United Synagogue curriculum.

Classes are held from one to three times a week depending on the age of the child.

The students participate occasionally in morning services at Shaar Shalom Synagogue and in the junior congregation there.

Two independent schools, not affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, are also offering a Conservative-oriented approach in the Thornhill area.

B'nai Shalom North meets at Westminster Public School at 366 Mullen Dr., just north of Bathurst and Steeles.

Co-ordinator Sadie Domb (phone: 731-2797) says that the school offers a variety of schedules to accommodate children who are unwillig or unable to attend at the regular class times. An upgrading program is available for those with no previous Jewish education, as well as an advanced course for those with a day school background.

Holidays are family events, celebrated by the school and the synagogue. The proceedings are frequently shown on local cable television, which helps instil a great feeling of pride in the students.

An intensive bar mitzvah program is given, including individual and classroom teaching, as well as a course in synagogue skills, led by Rabbi Solomon Domb. Mrs. Domb is proud that the school methods are good enough to enable learning disabled children to learn the haftorah.

In-Home Hebrew School is affiliated with Am Echad Congregation in Thornhill, and runs 2 Sunday Schools, one in Unionville and one at the Thornhill Community Centre, as well as an In-Home Tutoring Programme across the city.

A unique computerized Hebrew program is available in Thornhill and Willowdale. Hebrew language, Judaica and holidays are taught. A disk lending library is coming into operation soon.

A 2-day a week semi-private program equivalent to a 6 hour per week classroom instruction is being planned for the fall.

An In-Home Yiddish programme is also offered. Contact Rabbi Cooper at 731-8458 for further information.

Temple Har Zion Religious School at Bayview north of Steeles is a Reform supplementary school affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. It offers courses 3 days a week — Tuesday and Thursday for Hebrew language, and Saturday mornings (Monday evenings from grade 7-10) for religious instruction.

The 425 students also enjoy a choir, debating team and youth groups, as well as inter-temple and Board of Jewish Education programs.

A special feature is the 2-year teachers' training program right at the school. One third of the present staff is now composed of their own graduates.

Call Rabbi Gottlieb, at 889-2780 for more information.

B'nai Shalom North coordinator Sadie Domb discusses a point with grade 1 students.

Israel orientation offered

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ty. For the remainder of the time students work in professions around the country.

Landa said WUJS manages to place 50% of students in salaried positions and others as volunteers.

As well as a highly structured academic schedule, the program includes working on a kibbutz and camping and hiking tours around Israel to provide students with a knowledge of the country's historical sites and countryside. In the evenings, a variety of social activities are offered.

At the conclusion of the 1-year period, Landa said, continuity seminars are held to ensure that those who return to the Diaspora remain high profile Jews in their community and promote WUJS.

The program, which costs $1,015 (Can.), starts four times a year on Jan. 14, May 6, Aug. 5 and Nov. 4 in 1986 and Feb. 3, April 28, July 28 and Oct. 27 in 1987.

For further information contact the Israel Aliyah Center, 1111 Finch Ave. W. Suite 355, Downsview M3J 2E5 (416) 665-7772 or the Israel Aliyah Centre, 950 West 41st Ave. Vancouver V5Z 2N7 (604) 266-5366.

School championship is won by CHAT

The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently won the championship of the 1986 Metro Toronto School Reach competition, an in-school version of the popular television quiz show Reach for the Top.

CHAT defeated Leaside 390-260 in the quarter-finals; West Humber, 400-230 in the semi-finals; and, in an extremely exciting final match, downed the host Earl Haig squad 390-330.

Members of the team were Richard Stoll (coach), Josh Brown, David Lederer, Peter Darvas, David Urbach, Gilaad Deutsch, and Noam Goodman.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Schools follow community's northern growth

By LEILA SPEISMAN

Just as the Jewish community is moving northward, so too the educational institutions are moving right alongside.

The only day school having its main branch in the northern part of the city is **Leo Baeck Day School**, on Kenton St., at Bathurst and Finch. The school was founded 12 years ago by a group of Reform rabbis and parents and the new principal, Dr. David Cohen, says that it is now fully committed to the ideology of Reform.

The school has 470 children in junior kindergarten to grade 8, with a projected enrolment for 1986-87 of 508. Maximum class size is 22.

Cohen joined the school with "a mandate to strengthen the Hebrew and Judaic programs, and to continue the outstanding secular record." Hebrew is taught using the Ivrit b'Ivrit method from grade 1, and special classes are held for older students in theology and synagogue customs and ritual.

The day is divided into one-third math, science and social science, one-third English language arts and one-third Hebrew language arts. The program is fully integrated in religious and secular content; thus, the science teacher teaching the workings of the calendar, for instance, also teaches the Jewish life cycle.

Special events planned

As Cohen believes that children should realize that learning is fun, not something to be feared. Special events and trips are planned, some around holidays such as Sukkot, some connected with specific ethical values the school feels strongly about, and some to reinforce what is learned in the classroom. French, drama, computer classes and music are offered, as are typing and a twice a week physical education program.

Children are encouraged to question. More importantly, according to Dr. Cohen, they "can accept 'no' as an answer and understand why. That is the Leo Baeck way."

Further information is available from registrar Linda Friedman at 222-9220.

Associated Hebrew Schools has established branches at Finch and Bathurst, and at Leslie and Steeles. The school is planning to open portable facilities at Bathurst and Clark in Thornhill in September, 1986, which will offer nursery and grade 1 classes. The hope is to eventually build permanent facilities in the area.

Eitz Chaim School is also represented in the north. Its Patricia campus, at Bathurst between Finch and Steeles, is co-educational from preschool to grade 2, and serves boys only from grade 3 until grade 8. For three years, it has operated a pre-school facility on Clark near Bathurst, and intends to open permanent facilities there in the fall of 1986, which will serve preschool and girls until grade 6, although the first year will likely only offer classes up to grade 3.

Eitz Chaim also has an evening school at its Patricia Branch.

Several afternoon schools have branches in the north end of the city.

A branch of the **Workmen's Circle Peretz** School can be found at Bayview and Finch.

United Congregational Schools, offering a Conservative supplementary education, has branches at Westminster Public School at 366 Mullen Dr., and at Don Mills and Steeles.

United Congregational Schools celebrate Purim.

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United Congregational Schools offers an afternoon religious school program to 870 children in four locations: Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation at 55 Yeomans Rd. in Downsview; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation at 100 Elder St. in Downsview; Don Mills and Steeles; and Westminster Public School at Bathurst and Steeles. Educational Director is Saul Morganstein.

Children attend from kindergarten to grade 11, and receive the full Board of Jewish Education curriculum, from qualified, professional teachers. A high school for post bar/bat mitzvah age is offered twice a week, with optional course selections.

Grade 7, the year in which children usually reach bar or bat mitzvah is a special time in the school, called "mitzvah year." Jewish identity and practice are emphasized, with the boys making their own tallis and the girls their own challah cover.

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Cooking, storytelling, simulation games and drama are used to highlight appropriate aspects of the curriculum.

Yom Ha'atzmaut will be celebrated with a kibbutz style falafel and pita lunch, prepared by grades 1 and 2, and by Israeli singing and dancing, drama and a TV-style quiz by the older students.

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Subtle patterns an answer

Your suits don't have to look drab

By
SAUL KORMAN

Sometimes it's hard to tell what season we're in, the way Canadian businessmen dress. Spring is here in earnest, yet in most municipal centres we see the same solid blue and charcoal suits walking the streets, the same stolid pinstripes seated in comfortable club bars.

It's nice to know that so many businessmen own the right wardrobe basics, but their year-round uniformity is beginning to get me down.

Since Spring is a great time to let a little air into our collective closets, might I suggest a few variations on the common corporate theme?

To begin with, give your suits some dimension by adding in subtle pattern and color changes. A windowpane overlay, Prince of Wales check, or shadow-striping will all give the eye something of interest, without being overly forceful.

Shots of brilliant color transform ordinary navy blue suits into dynamic ensembles; and summerish shades of taupe or dove gray mixed with black and white lighten the spirits while emphasizing sun-darkened skin tones.

A good tan is also complimented by a light pastel in one's shirt. Butter yellow, faint blues and greens, even a soft pink are samples of those that stay well within businesswear boundaries — though if these prove too radical for you, try incorporating the same shades in your banker's pin-stripes.

White shirts show up a tan very nicely, of course; but they run the risk of lending one a mundane appearance. This can be offset by buying a few tone-on-tone and jacquard-patterned shirts, and alternating them with your regular collection.

As someone once remarked, ties are the only truly expressive accessories a man can own — which perhaps explains their persistent use in the face of functional obsolescence.

Here is where spring and summer colors can come to the fore, not to mention strong individual dimensions and design interplay.

Consider this season replacing your repp stripes with geometric forms and lively florals, your burgundies and carmine reds with bright greens, yellows and lavenders.

It's not as outrageous as it may sound, once you see how well these blend in with even the most conservative of your outfits.

(Fashion authority Saul Korman reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers to Gentlemen, in Toronto.)

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Arts

A flaccid film

Echo Park far from resounding

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
There is a rundown, dingy neighborhood in Los Angeles called Echo Park and it is light years away from the opulence of Beverly Hills.

If you live in Echo Park, you're probably a loser with many broken dreams.

Echo Park, Robert Dornhelm's film playing exclusively at Famous Players' Plaza Theatre, is not so much about that dreary neighborhood as about several of the people unfortunate enough to live there.

May (Susan Dey), a single mother, is a waitress who's waiting to break into acting.

Jonathan (Tom Hulce) delivers pizzas, but he's a poet at heart.

August (Michael Bowen) is an Austrian body builder and mystic cum-crackpot who wants recognition.

Echo Park looks at these three very ordinary people and tries to make sense of their humdrum lives through the medium of humor strained through a filter of rage.

When the film opens, May is interviewing prospective boarders. Short of money, she's decided to rent out a room in her modest flat. She rejects many candidates before settling on Jonathan, a nice, quiet guy who takes to Henry, her son.

Jonathan finds out the hard way that May has a noisy neighbor. August, who fancies himself as a "body sculptor," grunts and groans when he is working out. Every sound penetrates the thin walls. But neither Jonathan nor May hold this against August. They become friends.

There isn't much movement in Echo Park, a film that moves at an exasperatingly slow pace.

May finally gets her chance to act, but it's not much of a break. She's required to dance and strip at adult birthday parties, and it takes fortitude and practice before May can do it without holding her nose.

Susan Dey conveys May's ambivalance, but the problem is that Echo Park fails to develop her personality. We know precious little about her.

Tom Hulce plays another cardboard character. Hulce, it will be recalled, played the part of Mozart in *Amadeus*. He was brilliant in that excellent movie. But in Echo Park, he is an echo of himself. All that is left is his hyena-like laugh.

Hulce seems listless and disinterested in his role, and it shows.

Michael Bowen soars above Hulce. He manages to get into August's skin, and even delivers what sounds like an authentic Austrian accent. He is clearly the funniest actor on the set.

Echo Park, workmanlike at best, is not a compelling film by any stretch of the imagination. The drab lives of three forgettable people can be depicted successfully only if the script and the direction are right.

Lacking these qualities, Echo Park turns out to be a flaccid film with relatively little tension.

Author looks at Israel with all its imperfections

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Heroes and Hucksters, Hard Hats and Holy Men, by Ze'v Chafets. Macmillan of Canada, $27.50.

About 20 years ago, the author of this original, informative, offbeat book, moved from Michigan to Tel Aviv. His knowledge of Judaism was limited, but he was determined to become a true Israeli. He served in the army, found work as a journalist, half-stumbled into politics and ended up, surprisingly, as director of the press office in the Begin government.

He describes his Israeli experience with mixed feelings: "I have sired two Jerusalem-born children, been through a divorce and two marriages, paid off a mortgage. Along with other Israelis I have lived through five elections, 4-digit inflation, three wars, one peace — and almost 7,000 days in the only country in the world where Jews are on their own."

What is noteworthy about this creative reportage is the author's refreshing candor in depicting the new Israel as it is — with all of its warts and imperfections. His revelatons about backroom politics, pen portraits of Ariel Sharon, Ezer Weizman, David Levy and Menachem Begin, depictions of bizarre characters and charlatan gurus — and the quirk and kinks in the national psyche — are laced with wit and affection.

The Yom Kippur War was a shattering blow to Israeli confidence in such trusted leaders as Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan. Almost overnight the country was transformed from a land of answers to one of anguished questions. The war made possible, several years later, the victory of the Begin Likud coalition over the once mighty Ashkenazim. It let loose forces of dissatisfaction and anger that had been bottled up for a generation. "Israel's Eastern Jews looked around and realized that their Ashkenazi fellow citizens were no wiser, no braver, no better than they were. And they saw something else: that they now constituted an enormous political force. These two perceptions came together in the mid-70s, and radically changed the face of Israel society and politics."

The vast gulf between the mythological Israel and the real thing becomes evident when the author comments on the growth of Hebrew rock 'n' roll, the lingering effects of the Holocaust on old and young, why the mayor of Jerusalem has to deal with more violence from pious Jews than from Arabs, and the mania of Israelis for soccer players, among them a number of giant Blacks recently converted to Judaism.

Is the new Israel as good as it used to be? There is more crime and less idealism. "But there are also better restaurants, newer films, bigger and more comfortable apartments, far more automobiles, a greater variety of music, theatre and art, more universities better sports facilities, more efficient public services — and more tolerance of nonconformity . . . Many Israelis deplore the materialism, fast-buck mentality and selfishness that have replaced the old pioneer austerity, but not many would want to go back to the good old days."

The book's main point is that Israel has become what its founders wanted — a nation like any other. Jewish life has become normalized. "Mostly it is a country of ordinary people who get their kids off to school every morning and go to work, people who want security and prosperity and a little fun."

The author concluded that Israel is struggling valiantly to be a good country in a bad neighborhood.

Sledge hammer used to portray men as brutish oppressors

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
True to its name, the Entertainment Strategists production company has staged some highly entertaining musical revues and comedies at Old Angelo's Upstairs Theatre (45 Elm St., 597-0155).
Alas, this can't be said of its current presentation, *Other Female Parts*, running there until June 14.

Written by Italy's noted Socialist playwright Dario Fo and his wife, Franca Rame, it's a pastiche of seven feminist monologues that uses a sledge hammer rather than a stiletto to make its heavy-handed point that men are brutish oppressors of all womankind.

The company's three Toronto actresses — Annie Szamosi, Djanet Sears and Ronalda Jones — are gifted performers. And at least one of the sketches showed artistic potential — *Monologue Of A Whore In A Lunatic Asylum*.

But the inept direction by Darrell Wasyk and the extremist melodramatic lines they had to utter conspired to defeat the performers.

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One of Canada's promising young pianists

Daniel Friedman to perform for NCJW in Kleinburg

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By RICK KARDONNE

Daniel Friedman, one of Canada's most promising native-born younger pianists, will perform at a National Council of Jewish Women function in Kleinburg during the afternoon of May 25.

Friedman is a graduate of Queen's University in Kingston and the Royal College of Music in London, England, where he was awarded a performance diploma — an Associate of the Royal College of Music Certificate.

He began his studies at the age of 7 and was taught by Patricia Stewart until 18, at which time he went to London to study with Prof. Kendall Taylor, vice-president of the Royal College.

In February, 1984, Friedman gave his overseas debut, playing the Grieg piano concerto with the Southampton Orchestra in Portsmouth. He also conducted the Royal College of Music Sinfonietta Orchestra.

In addition to winning numerous scholarships,

Daniel Friedman

he was a finalist and 2nd-place winner of the Ontario Regional ORTMA competition.

Right now Friedman is pursuing his Master's degree at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore under the guidance of Prof. Walter Hautzig. He is also a composer and has completed his first piano concerto and song cycle. He's unofficially scheduled to give the concerto's debut performance in Kingston during the 1986-87 season.

For further information about the Kleinburg performances, call the National Council of Jewish Women at 665-8251 and ask for Riki Levine.

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Danny Grossman's Hot House is only lukewarm.

Had this world-premiere dance work, specially-commissioned for the National Ballet by its late artistic director, Erik Bruhn, set to music performed by 1940s jazz saxophone great Charlie Parker, been meant to be a display of suburban high-schoolers having a 40s-nostalgia party imagining Parker's environment, it would be a pleasantly interesting diversion. But as an accurate representation of the subculture of which Parker was symbolic king, this work lacked authenticity.

The faults lie more with the dancers than with the basic motives behind the choreography. While the choreography might be derivative from similar jazz orientation of Tharp, Ailey, Fosse and others at least it tried to portray the agonies and ecstasies of the drug subculture which existed even then.

But the dancers, with one notable lead exception, lacked the street smarts and angularity required to make these intense emotions convincing. Their basic instincts remained classical.

The National Ballet was far more-at-home with Jiri Kylian's lyrical choreography to one of Arnold Schoenberg's earlier, more melodious compositions; Transfigured Night, featuring beautifully sensuous performances by Gizella Witkowsky and Kimberley Glasco.

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The number for information on Bat-Dor performances was incorrect. The correct number is 869-8444.

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This column extends its deepest condolences to the family of former B'nai B'rith president Alan Borden, who was instrumental in launching the Jerusalem Pavilion at Metro Caravan. Borden was a remarkably dedicated individual who will be missed by all.

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Prior to their performances at Expo '86 June 2-9, Chaim Avron's Toronto Jewish Theatre will perform the delightful Yiddish musical Dos Pintele Mazel starring Allan Farkas at Lawrence Park Collegiate, May 31-June 1. For more details call 630-8281.

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The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir joins the Beth Emeth Chorale in a presentation of the operetta Der Bobe's Cholim at Beth Emeth May 28. Rose Karten will narrate and Cantor Benjamin Maissner will be lead performer. William Phillips will conduct. Proceeds will go to the Shearim Hebrew Day School. For further information, call 653-3838.

Clever, funny, humane

Short Circuit creates winning spark

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Plainly put, *Short Circuit* is the best science fiction comedy adventure since *ET*.

ET enchanted children and adults alike with its endearing combination of technological wizardry and human drama. Steven Spielberg's film justifiably cleaned up on Oscar night.

Now, with the release of Short Circuit, Spielberg should make room for John Badham.

Badham, the director of the acclaimed *Saturday Night Fever*, has wrought a wondrous achievement in Short Circuit. Through faultless direction, an excellent script, inventive pyrotechnics and a fine cast, Short Circuit becomes one of the big hits of 1986.

Like ET, it is clever, funny and humane, a winning mixture that only the hopelessly jaded may resist.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Short Circuit is about men and robots and future shock.

Somewhere in an incredibly beautiful patch of Oregon, computer scientists have designed a set of "user-friendly" robots which can not only devastate an enemy military force, but serve canapes and cocktails with aplomb.

The chief resident genius at Nova Laboratories, Crosby, played engagingly by Steve Guttenberg, is not your typical warmonger or scientist cum-businessman. He is a dedicated researcher committed to peaceful applications of his human-like robots. Needless to say, his bosses aren't.

During a party marking the robots' success at knocking out "enemy" tanks and armored personnel carriers, one of the machines, No. 5, malfunctions and disappears.

The long and short of it is that No. 5 ends up in a stranger's house. Stephanie (Ally Sheedy) is a sort of flower child. She makes a living selling nuts, grains and yogurt from a van. She loves animals, and she is gentle and receptive to others.

Thinking that No. 5 is a creature from an alien planet, she befriends him, teaching him about modern America. No. 5 is thirsty for new knowledge, or input, as he calls it. No. 5 is a very fast learner. He can absorb a book in a matter of seconds.

Before we know it, No. 5 has learned the jargon of television ads and the dialogue of famous American movies. He becomes an hilarious figure of fun. And Stephanie, played with girlish enthusiasm by Sheedy, delights in his transformation from unthinking machine to thinking human being.

Meanwhile, Nova is after No. 5, not realizing the wonderful changes that have been taking place. Crosby and his very amusing sidekick, Ben (Fisher Stevens), are recruited into the search.

While Crosby and Ben simply want to reprogram No. 5, Nova's security team wants to destroy him.

No. 5, having taken on a life of his own, wishes neither to be reprogrammed nor to be put out of commission. No. 5's lust for life is so powerful — and so touching — that Stephanie and Crosby help him.

Short Circuit, which never lags, is full of superb comedy material that strikes a happy balance between raucousness and merriment.

One particularly good scene, in which three robots take on the characteristics of The Three Stooges, is masterful.

Short Circuit is a winner.

Ben and Sylvia Lennick will head stagecraft summer workshops for the Medina Stage Company at Holy Blossom.

Actor-director team heads summer acting workshop

TORONTO —

The husband-and-wife, actor-director team of Sylvia and Ben Lennick will head a new 8-session summer acting workshop beginning June 3.

Classes will be conducted by the new Medina Stage Company, which has recently moved its headquarters from Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue to Holy Blossom Temple at 1950 Bathurst St.

Irving Hoffman, president of Medina, invites wouldbe actors, directors and stage writers to attend a "Get Acquainted Night" on May 28 at Holy Blossom's youth activity room.

Beginners will concentrate on improvisation, scene study and voice, while advanced students will continue to work on the basics, and also have the opportunity to explore the director's approach to scene work. This is part of an ongoing plan to develop an ensemble of actors, writers, directors, and those interested in the various phases of stagecraft.

The Lennicks, who are veteran professionals in all aspects of stagecraft, will also provide workshops by two guest instructors: voice coach Esther Ghan and TV and stage director-writer Leo Orenstein.

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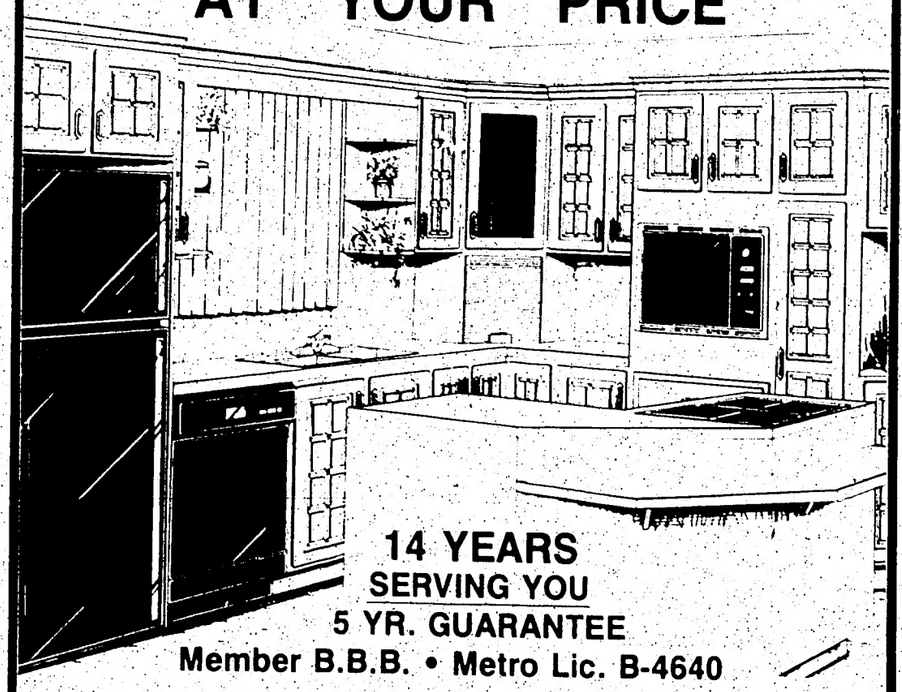

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Arts

Jewish jesters master their art

The Loser and The Leech can make the laughs last

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Standing beside each other, they look like the figure 10.

Eric Fink, at 125 pounds, is the skinny comedian. And Howard Jerome, at 250 pounds, is the plump comedian.

Together they're the Jewish comedy team who multiply boffo laughs out of *The Living Legend* currently playing at the Canadian Rep Theatre at 121 Avenue Rd., phone 961-1959.

It's the Broadway-bound musical comedy by Toronto playwright-director Andrew MacBean about a Judy Garland-like musical star. She dies of drug and booze abuse in 1959 . . . and is reincarnated as a star once again in 1986.

Fink and Jerome portray the pair of Hollywood hypesters who act as her agents in both periods of her life.

Fink plays the part of Charlie (The Loser) Schmutz, a wimpy sort of masochist eager for punishment.

And Jerome assumes the role of Sam (The Leech) Beagleman, a bullying sadist who gives his craven partner lots of it.

Neither of them is like that in real life. But, as the pair of jesters agreed in an interview in The CJN newsroom, they do have a lot in common.

Most of all, they each adore — and sometimes emulate — the style of the old style Jewish comedians.

"I love the basic, straight-out comedic style of a funnyman like Groucho Marx," says Fink, 35, a toothpick-thin harlequin who so admires his idol that he filters his droll humor through puffs of Marxian cigars.

"Maybe because I look a bit like them, I go for the physical and satirical kind of clowning perfected by Rodney Dangerfield and Zero Mostel — and maybe a pinch of Woody Allen's Jewish cerebral humor," says Jerome, 47, who recently played the very un-Jewish role of Harold Ballard in the Theatre Passe Muraille comedy, *Of Ice And Men*.

Both are improvisers and they agree that a standup comic functions rather like a matador in a bullfight. Jerome phrases it this way:

"It's no accident that the old style comics have always used the phrase, 'Boy, I died last night.' They are literally comparing it to death.

"When they have the audience howling with laughter, they say, 'I killed 'em, fractured 'em, slayed 'em.' It's more than a contest; it's a life and death battle."

Howard Jerome

Eric Fink

The two Jewish matadors of comedy each got their training circuitously in New York.

Fink, a graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate, worked as a documentary film producer in Manhattan until his company went broke.

Then he found he had a comedy flair while operating there Scoops' Place Parlor, a Black soul food restaurant specializing in ham hocks, smoked neckbones and sweet potato pie.

Since his return to Toronto five years ago, his most laudatory reviews were for his portrayal of Wally in *Wally's Cafe*, a dreamy optimist who runs a hamburger stand in the middle of the Mojave, Desert.

Fink, who most recently has been starring in the Playhouse Theatre's *Vaudeville Sunny Side Up*, says, "If I fail as a vaudeville comedian, maybe I'll fulfil my dream of opening a kosher soul food cafe on Bathurst St."

Brooklyn-born Jerome is a former semi-pro football player who used to run a hamburger joint in New York called Fizzley's. But he says he learned how to ham it up while performing as a professional wrestler on the New Jersey grunt-and-groan circuit.

"I was billed as Eric Von Hess from Prussia," he says. "I wrestled in mortal combat with an Italian who used the stage name of Garibaldi. As a touring team we were billed as the Axis Powers."

Eventually he worked as a bona fide thespian playing the villainous heavy in a satirical musical version of *East Lynne* at the Playhouse Cafe on McDougall St. in Greenwich Village.

He stood up in The CJN newsroom and bellowed lustily the Gilbert & Sullivanesque ditty he wrote for the show:

When I was a lad, I had but one desire
To catch a little pussycat and set it afire
I held it by the tail and poured on kerosene
You should have heard that pussycat's horrible scream
I cooked the pussycat and I danced with glee
And I've since become the master of vill-ai-ai-ny!

More precisely, he's become a master of improvised comedy operating his own Portable Theatre touring company and composer of original comic songs. His two most recent ditties, released by Audacious Records, are a monkey song titled *Quantum Leap* and a kiddy ballad called *No More Belly Up Fish*.

When asked why so many comedians are Jewish, Fink answers for both of them: "Every Jew is automatically born with a humor gene."

From the kooky to the sublime

Cookbooks can satisfy any taste

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

You can't go too far wrong in the kitchen if you've got a good supply of cookbooks. And if your palate is wide open to different influences, you'll appreciate the following books, which range from the kooky to the sublime.

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Hedda Muskat is a personable young lady from Toronto who has lived in Los Angeles for the past two years.

In the City of the Angels, Hedda has become a TV script writer and producer, specializing in comedy. She leads a pretty busy life and, naturally, she has little time to cook.

Being 30 and an upwardly mobile professional, Hedda, in contemporary parlance, is known as a Yuppie. Yuppies have always existed, but suddenly, they're a media commodity.

Yuppies enjoy good food and, cognizant of that, Hedda has written a cookbook geared for them. *The Yuppie Cookbook (Nina & Zelik, $12.95)*, which is available in W.H. Smith book shops, is a bouillabaisse of fact and fancy. As Hedda puts it, it's for people "who don't find relief in cooking but have to cook once in a while."

The Yuppie Cookbook, like the author herself, is suffused with offbeat humor. Some of her aphorisms are silly, but others hit the mark.

The recipes, many of which are culled from her mother, her manager par excellence, are practical and down-to-earth.

Yuppies — or anyone else for that matter — will find much comfort in *Casserole Cooking (Doubleday, $7.99)*, a compendium of over 160 recipes for today's money and time-conscious cook.

Whether you're interested in meat, poultry, fish, vegetable or fruit casseroles, Jennie Reekie includes them all. Her recipies are easy to follow and are accompanied by well-defined color photographs.

The food processor, which chops, slices, kneads, minces and grates, is the most exciting new machine in the kitchen. It's a fabulous time saver, and anyone who hasn't used it should.

If you've already bought one, you'll like *Food Processor Cookbook (Doubleday, $7.99)* by Mary Morris and Adrienne Katz.

It's a useful guide that'll help you immensely if you're running low on energy.

Italian food is definitely not an acquired taste. In any language, it schmecks. So if you love pasta, pizza, hearty soups, seafood or cakes redolent of almonds and cream, you'll probably love *100 Italian Dishes (Doubleday, $4.99)*.

Victoria Lloyd-Davies, the editor, gives you a good rundown of Italy's culinary delights and whets your appetite to an incredible degree.

Everybody likes Chinese food, so Elizabeth Chiu King's book, *The 15 Minute Chinese Gourmet (Collier Macmillan, $26.50*, is most welcomed.

Ms. King, a cooking teacher, claims she can tell you how to have a delicious meal on the table within 15 minutes. It's a claim she's able to substantiate.

Indian food is aromatic, delicate and substantial, a combination few world cuisines can match.

Indian Cookery (Doubleday, $6.95) helps you increase your repertoire of authentic dishes such as Tikka kebabs, tomatoes with ginger, Tandoori chicken, sour-sweet chick peas and curried potatoes.

Rachel Grenfell, the editor, certainly knows her stuff and, moreover, has the ability to pass her knowledge on to novices.

Judy Wells and Rick Johnson think so highly of the lowly potato that they have written a book — *The Noble Spud (Penguin, $12.95)*.

The Noble Spud, which is probably the definitive treatise on the subject, elevates the potato to its rightful place in the pantheon of gastronomy.

There are inventive recipes for soups and salads, main courses, side dishes and snacks. This reviewer bets his last dollar you didn't know the potato was that wonderful.

Having partaken of casseroles and Italian, Chinese and Indian food, you're now ready to read *All Manners of Food (Oxford University Press, $37.50)*, an historical cum-sociological survey of how eating tastes in Britain and France have evolved from the Middle Ages to the present.

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3 books give informative look at basics of Judaism

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Basics of Judaism are presented in a number of recently published books.

The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism, by Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin (General Publishing, for Simon and Shuster, $12.50), addresses issues that newly aware Jews ask as they begin their adventures of discovery. It's an excellent primer. These questions include:

• Can one doubt God's existence and still be a good Jew?

• If Judaism is supposed to make you better, how do you account for unethical religious Jews and for ethical people who are not Jews?

• Is there a difference between anti-semitism and anti-Zionism?

• How do I start practising Judaism?

The answers to questions 1 and 3 are both no, as the book explains in clear simple prose that belies its erudition. These and the other questions are discussed from a traditional point of view; testimonials are quoted on the back cover from Orthodox, Reform and Conservative spokesmen. An index concludes the 218-page softcover book.

Herman Wouk's This Is My God (General Publishing, for Simon and Shuster, $13.95) promises to be more enduring than the novels he has come to be famous for. First published in 1959, Wouk's overview of Judaism continues to be reprinted. The 315-page book is well written, surprisingly comprehensive, and at once matter-of-fact and challenging. It promises to be a classic.

This Is My God discusses many aspects of Judaism, including: the historical identity of a Jew; symbolism; belief and its ramifications; Shabbat and its importance; the festivals; the High Holy Days; prayer; kashrut; birth, bar mitzvah, marriage and death; the halacha and its development; U.S. trends in Judaism; and the role of modern Israel.

Several flaws mar an otherwise excellent presentation. There is no index, which is unforgiveable in this age of computers and word-processors. Passages, particularly pertaining to modern Israel, are out of date; a 5-page afterword written in 1969 followed by a 1-page effort in 1982 seem to undermine the book's authority rather than contribute to it, suggesting an overly hasty and economical attempt at updating.

Finding God: Ten Jewish Responses, by Rifat Soncino and Daniel B. Syme (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, $11) is a fascinating little book. Within its 140 pages are contained a variety of views of God, from biblical to Frommian, and their interrelationship and development. Various concepts are neatly laid out in a 5-page chart to facilitate comparison and contrast.

"Exploring our relationship with God," the book concludes, "is not the exclusive province of theologians. It is the right, privilege and responsibility of every Jew."

The novice is encouraged to graze among the concepts and follow up those that appeal to him the most. The more knowledgeable reader will profit from learning about concepts other than those he holds and from subjecting any or all concepts to his critical analysis.

An interesting volume — but alas, again there is no index.

Comic expands talent

1-liners delivered fast and furious

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ouch. That's funny.

Sometimes when comic Howard Nemetz gets rolling and the jokes are flying fast and furious, the humor can hit uncomfortably/comfortably (take your pick) close to home.

"Pesach?" he says, echoing an audience member's query. "That's a holiday that commemorates the freedom Jews had wandering in the desert for 40 years because no one could read a compass."

Of course, some of the jokes aren't quite so pointed: He describes his father as a typical Jewish handyman who owns a toolbox with all the phone numbers of tradesmen to call in case anything breaks down.

There are barbs aimed at Jewish parents: Sometimes when his mother calls on the phone she immediately asks: "What's wrong? You sound thin."

And there's the stuff that's particularly appealing to greeners and their kids: His mother came over on the SS Mein Kind but now, his mother's Polish roots and his father's Russian ancestry cause him sleepless nights. He's worried "the left side of my body would try to occupy the right."

Howard Nemetz

Of course, a comic can't make a living sticking exclusively to Jewish jokes and jokes about Jews. What flies in Montreal and Toronto may get a silent reception in St. Catharines and Oshawa.

(Speaking of Oshawa, Nemetz said he had a gig there last weekend, but it was cancelled — the whole city, that is.)

So Nemetz has a routine that plays outside the major centres and he takes it on the road for 35-40 weeks in the year. He's worked it across Canada and he's performed in Florida — "I had to, I'm Jewish," he says.

He's even appeared on Evening at the Improv in Los Angeles, but "it's not nearly so glamorous when you consider it was funded by Canadian money."

With Nemetz, the one-liners come back to back in rapid succession, but now, along with partner and roommate Simon Rakoff, he's branching out into related fields: screenplays for motion pictures.

Why did this 29-year-old native Montrealer get into the comedy business in the first place?

His verbal humor came out of his personal suffering as a child. "I was a klutz when I was young. I wore glasses when I was 1½ because of a missing eye muscle and I had no depth perception so I fell a lot. If you purposely twist and roll to be funny, all of a sudden you're a hero instead of an idiot. Humor is a good defence mechanism."

As early as age 11 he entertained his family with a comedy routine during what he calls a "2-month hell trip across Canada."

He continues his cross-country comedy tours, but his main circuit is the chain of small towns near Toronto and in New York state.

One of his favorite venues is a basement room in a Chinese restaurant in St. Catharines, where he can get the fresh veggies he craves since becoming a vegetarian seven years ago when he turned pro.

Back then, his eating habits were part of a turning point in his life after he went from studying genetics to film and communication at McGill University.

"My folks said 'Do what makes you happy.' My sister became a nurse, my brother went into agricultural economics and computer science and I became a stand-up comedian."

Fresh out of McGill, Nemetz started in the comedy clubs in Montreal, and moved to Toronto along with a large chunk of the city's English-speaking population.

Besides his stand-up routines, Nemetz has written movie screenplays — he and Rakoff collaborated on a revision of Screwballs — but he expects he'll keep his hand in stand-up comedy since "you get an immediate, live audience reaction."

Nemetz will perform in Toronto again on June 24 at the uptown Yuk Yuks.

Juvenile books add sophistication

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Juvenile literature, that is literature for children until their mid-teens, is becoming more sophisticated.

The newest selection of books coming off the presses proves the point beyond a doubt.

James Lorimer & Company of Toronto has published two stories set at opposite ends of Canada.

The Summer the Wales Sang, by Gloria Montero, concerns the adventures of a 13-year-old girl who discovers that an old Labrador whaling station is not as boring as she imagined.

Vivi Aguirre learns more about life and love there than in the big city.

A solid story.

Nobody Asked me, by Elizabeth Brochmann, is about 13-year Rachel, a girl who leaves an isolated forest station in the middle of Vancouver Island and stays with relatives in a coastal village.

Never having had friends, or known what life outside the station is like, she runs into situations which test her mettle.

A well-told tale.

Watch For The Breaking Of Day (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $14.95) is how a boy painfully adjusts to the death of his father in the final days of World War II.

Robert Forcade's story, which evokes the beauty of the Canadian wilderness, is poignant in most places.

The Ruby In The Smoke (Oxford University Press, $13.95) summons up picturesque visions of Victorian London as 16-year-old Sally Lockhart is embroiled in a web of villainy.

Author Philip Pullman certainly knows how to keep a reader at edge.

The Year It Rained (Collier Macmillan, $19.50) is rather advanced.

Crescent Dragonwagon's book revolves around a precocious 17-year-old girl who's been exposed to romantic entanglements at an early age.

This is not Dick-and-Jane reading.

Like The Year It Rained, *Working Girl (Collins, $2.95)* is mature reading, centered around a young lady who's introduced to the real world after taking a job in an advertising agency.

Anita Eires has the knack of being able to convey real emotions.

Forgive And Forget (Collins, $2.95) also explores romance. David Williams' accomplished novel, which is set in Wales, tells how a lovely girl overcomes heartbreak by meeting the man of her dreams.

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For the much younger set, children of up to the age of 5, three books are recommended.

It Could Always Be Worse (Scholastic, $3.95) is a Yiddish folktale retold by Margot Zemach. Her illustrations are most attractive.

James Lorimer & Company has two special coloring books — *The Creative Kids' Coloring Book* and *The Second Creative Kids' Coloring Book.*

1-woman multi-media show set

TORONTO —

Actress - playwright Cayle Chernin will present her 1-woman, multi-media show, *The Right Of Return*, featuring her adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's play *The Jewish Wife*, staged by the Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood May 26 in the Eisendrath Auditorium.

Her 40-minute show will be followed by refreshments and a discussion period.

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Travel

Arctic tour should interest those collectors of Inuit art

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Looking for something different and exciting? Then how about a trip to the Arctic this summer?

Marvin and Lorraine Cohen of Hamilton plan to lead an 11-day tour of the Arctic July 25 to Aug. 4 that will include Baffin Island and Greenland, with visits to Pangnirtung, Frobisher Bay and Godthaab.

The tour will be of particular interest to collectors of Inuit art. Marvin is the owner of the Arctic Experience Art Gallery here and he and Lorraine spent five years in Frobisher Bay before returning to Hamilton three years ago to open their gallery of Inuit art.

In the Baffin Island community, Marvin was a school teacher and Lorraine worked for an airline. They have travelled widely across the Arctic to collect art and Marvin still makes regular buying trips to the north.

So far, three Hamilton couples have signed up but another seven are needed to complete the tour.

"It's really a matter of numbers," says Marvin. "Hopefully, we'll go this year but if not, it'll be next year for sure."

The tour is operated by Adventure Consultants International of Waterdown, Ont. specialists in safari and adventure travel.

The itinerary includes a visit to Pangnirtung, a traditional Inuit village on Cumberland Sound that was once an important whaling centre and is now the gateway to Auyuittuq National Park. A boat trip down the Pang Fjord will afford closeup views of icebergs and of Arctic wildlife, sea birds, seals and possibly beluga whales.

Pangnirtung is also an important centre for Inuit art, well known for its prints and magnificent tapestries. A weaving demonstration and visits to the print shop and the co-op store, which sells carvings by local artists, are also included.

For those who'd rather go fishing for Arctic char than sightseeing, fishing trips can be arranged.

Godthaab, the capital of Greenland, is an old city dating back to the mid-1700s. With its European flavor and fine cuisine of local seafood, fish and game, it provides an interesting contrast to the Canadian Arctic.

Among Godthaab's highlights are the museum with its internationally famous collection of Inuit artifacts and the old fish market, and a cruise through the stunning scenery of Godthaab Fjord. A stay at Qorqut Lodge gives visitors an opportunity to enjoy some leisurely hikes through the tundra, watch the reindeer or go trout fishing.

The last stop is Frobisher Bay with a day-long cruise that includes stops at a traditional Inuit camp and archeological sites and an opportunity to observe wildlife such as seals and possibly caribou. Also planned are a visit to Apex, where the Hudson's Bay Co. developed one of its first trading posts and a private showing of Inuit art by Coman Arctic Arts Ltd.

Further information may be obtained from Adventure Consultants International, PO Box 1230, Waterdown, Ont., L0R 2H0, telephone (416) 689-7925, or from Marvin Cohen, The Arctic Experience Gallery, 198 Hughson Street S., Hamilton (416) 522-9443.

Concord attracts Orthodox families

By
VIVIEN SHARON

KIAMESHA LAKE, NY —
The Concord Resort Hotel in the Catskills has undergone an amazing transformation this year. For the first time in its history, the Concord has attracted a new crowd for the Jewish holidays: young Orthodox couples with children.

This was evident during Passover as hundreds of young religious families — who came either on their own or with other relatives — celebrated Passover at the Concord.

According to senior Rabbi Simon Cohen, the change indicates that there is a "growing desire and commitment among the young Jewish community to adhere to the tenets of Judaism."

Cohen said the Orthodox synagogue was "filled to capacity for the first time ever this Passover with young Orthodox couples in their 20s, 30s and 40s."

The Concord also offers Conservative and Sephardic services for its other guests.

"This Passover we were swamped with guest bookings and we anticipate the same thing to happen during the High Holidays," said a Concord reservation clerk.

"Close to 3,000 people were accommodated during Passover, however, we had to turn away scores of others," she said.

An additional attraction may have been the cultural programming and special events that were scheduled over the holidays. No less than 13 informative lectures on such subjects as the Mideast, Jewish medical ethics, the mystery of Raoul Wallenberg, the exotic Jews of the Far East, and a personal odyssey of a Refusenik provided much intellectual stimulation.

Guests praised the hotel's facilities, religious services, glatt kosher food and public affairs programming.

The babysitting and day camp facilities available throughout the day and evenings enabled parents to enjoy precious hours in tranquility without their offspring.

This summer at the Concord promises to attract record crowds as well. Among the roster of top entertainers are Glen Campbell (May 25); Joan Rivers (July 5); Paul Anka (July 19); Pia Zadora (July 26); Harry Belafonte (August 2); Tom Jones (Aug. 9); and Bill Cosby (Aug. 13).

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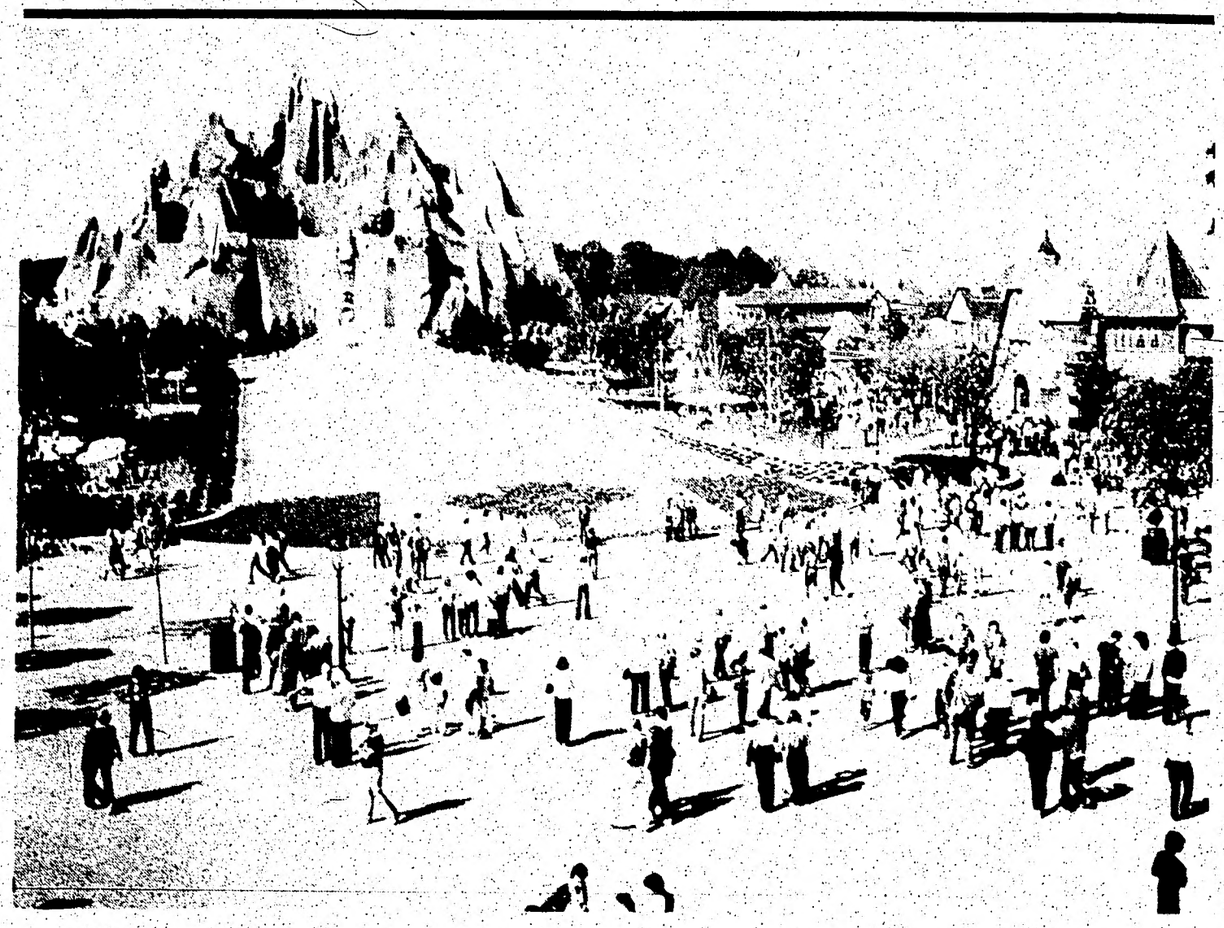

Canada's Wonderland in Toronto. On International St. the scenic fountains, delectable foods and pretty boutiques blend to create an old world ambience.

Wonderland opens season with several new wrinkles

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MAPLE, Ont. — Canada's Wonderland, the $148 million theme park just 30 miles from downtown Toronto, opened its sixth season in May.

More than 2 million visitors streamed through its gates in 1985, and officials are confident they will have another good year in 1986.

With over 32 rides (including five roller coasters), live shows and international restaurants and boutiques, Canada's Wonderland is Ontario's answer to Disney World.

For the past few years, the park has been adding new rides. White Water Canyon, which is bound to get you wet, was introduced in 1984. Skyrider, the stand-up roller coaster, was added in 1985.

Thunder Run, a $2.7 million ride which resembles Disney's Space Mountain, came on line this year.

Kids under the age of about 6 are not advised to try any of these. They can be scary, even for a stout-hearted adult. But there are enough sedate rides here, especially in Hanna Barbera Land, to satisfy any of them.

There is even a roller coaster tailor- made for tots called Ghoster Coaster. It can reach a maximum speed of 35 mph, compared with 62 mph for the Mighty Canadian Minebuster.

In addition to its wide variety of rides, there is another good reason to visit Canada's Wonderland.

There are six stage shows geared to family entertainment, including *Breakaway II*, one of two musicals, and *The Curse of Gargamel*, a kids' show starring the Smurfs and Scooby-Doo.

The park, which is surrounded by pastoral farmland, is kept immaculately clean by an army of well-groomed cleaners.

The sleazy honky-tonk atmosphere which mars the Canadian National Exhibition is thankfully absent here.

Canada's Wonderland is the sort of place that can be enjoyed equally by kids and adults.

You can buy a season pass for $32.95, and it enables you to ride all the rides and see all the shows.

Canada's Wonderland, which is accessible via public transportation, is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until June 27. After that, until Sept. 1, it closes at 10 p.m. The season ends in October.

It's a great place to visit.

Explore Israel's out-of-way sights

The typical tourist to Israel keeps to the straight and narrow.

Rarely does he venture away from well-worn, but credible, places like Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa or Eilat.

But Israel, needless to say, is more than urban sprawl.

There are many rural destinations in the Jewish state which are well worth a visit.

To appreciate them in their entirety, it helps to be a nature buff. But even if nature makes you nervous, you should investigate these enchanting sites.

Ori Devir's photo album, *Off The Beaten Track In Israel (Adama Books, New York, $14.95)* **will get you going on your new adventure.**

Off The Beaten Track In Israel assumes that the occupied territories are part and parcel of Israel. There are many Israelis who would disagree with his assumption.

And, as a glance at the book suggests, these territories also have much to offer an aficionado of the outdoors.

Whether you appreciate desert vistas or European-like landscapes, they are there in abundance in Israel, the West Bank and the Golan Heights.

•The Sa'ar waterfall on the Golan Heights, strongly flowing in the winter months, is a sight to behold in a generally dry country.

•Tel Dan, in the finger of Galilee, is a sylvan paradise.

•The natural bridge just south of the Lebanese border makes a perfect picture.

•Belvoir, the Crusader castle, offers a breathtaking view of the Jordan Valley.

•The network of campsites in the Carmel National Park, near Haifa, is reminiscent of Switzerland.

•Mt. Sedom, 230 metres above sea level, offers an unparalleled view of the Dead Sea.

•The Timna Valley, north of Eilat, has magnificent rock formations.

I can go on and on. But if you really want to get away from the madding crowd, consult Off The Beaten Track In Israel.

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A real knock out — her opponents, that is

Jewish girl vying for world kickboxing title

By
GRANT SHILLING

VANCOUVER —

Sporting a pair of sneakers, and with both her feet clearly in view, Leah Goldstein appears relatively harmless. It's when she's standing alongside you, with her big toe scratching your ear, that one tends to get a little apprehensive.

Goldstein, at 17, is Canadian Bantamweight Kickboxing champion. Ranked 2nd in the world, she'll be soon be challenging for the world title in Mexico.

Kickboxing is a physically punishing sport. Some argue it's excessively brutal. So what makes a non-violent person such as Goldstein participate in such a physical sport?

Says Goldstein: "In everything you do there is a risk. Some people golf, I kickbox."

Her disposition towards taking that risk may have something to do with her bloodlines: her father was a boxer in his youth and her uncle is a martial arts instructor in the Israeli army.

Goldstein had an early introduction to the martial arts. When she was 6-years-old she would watch Bruce Lee movies with a wide-eyed fascination.

She soon decided it was time to join a martial arts school, but her parents thought differently. Goldstein would have to wait until the ripe old age of 10 before she could enroll.

She made up for lost time. At 14, Goldstein received a black belt, but she wanted more. "I wanted to expand, I wanted to learn more. I joined the Canadian team for semi-contact karate, but I didn't like it. I thought it was Mickey Mouse."

Mickey never had it so rough. Goldstein didn't like the fact an opponent could score points merely by placing a kick or punch 6 inches away from a target.

"I was working out in the gym one day and this man (her trainer Alan Cheng) came over with some boxing gloves and asked if I wanted to spar. I said 'Sure, why not?' "

One year later, Goldstein was Canadian kickboxing champion. At 15, she was the youngest person to hold a title in her sport — a sport where competitors usually hit their prime around the age of 25.

Goldstein is an extremely bright, mature woman. She's an achiever and kickboxing provides her with an outlet to be the best at something. When she finishes with that sport, she plans to tackle other goals.

Inside the ring, Goldstein is ready to do whatever is necessary to be the best. "When I go into the ring, I want to knock my opponent out. The object is to hurt your opponent. If I was afraid, I'd probably get hurt."

Getting to be the best isn't easy. Goldstein trains seven days a week. She's up at 5 to lift weights and work on the heavy bag. Later in the day, she's off to nearby Langara College to run eight miles. In the evening, it's sparring for two hours.

Goldstein, a B student at Eric Hamber Secondary School, is extremely pragmatic about her training and lifestyle. "I always make sure I get my homework done, even if it means staying up late at night."

Then, blushingly, she confesses: "Right now I'm putting my training in front of school, but everything is just fine."

What do her parents thing about all this?

"At first my parents were scared. They wondered if I didn't have better things to do. But once they saw how serious I was, they began to respect and appreciate what it is I'm trying to accomplish."

Assuming Goldstein wins her title bout in New Mexico, at age 17 she will have reached the pinnacle of her sport. A sport that is not all that financially lucrative.

What would be next?

"I've received some movie offers from Hong Kong. We received a letter inviting me there to show my stuff. But first I have to concentrate on my title, so we sent them videos of my training."

Leah Goldstein versus the Seven Swords of the Samurai? Stay tuned.

Maccabi team recruiting

TORONTO —

The junior Maccabi volleyball team still has openings on both its boys and girls teams.

Youngsters from 12-16 years are invited to try out for the team, which will participate in 3rd Maccabiah Youth Games from Aug. 15-21.

No prior experience is necessary, says head coach Shelly Rodney.

"They just have to put in a little bit of hard work. I'm sure they'd enjoy themselves if they come to the practices."

The practices will be held on Wednesday evenings between 7-9 in the south gym at Emery Collegiate, 3395 Weston Rd. (south of Finch).

Rodney says 12 spots are open on both teams, with no cuts made until the end of May.

Participation in the Youth Games will not only be a good experience in playing other youngsters from around the world, says Rodney, but it could also be the first step towards participation for the 1989 games in Israel.

For more information, contact Rodney at 886-3035.

Krickstein in Davis Cup

WASHINGTON —

Two Jewish players have made the 5-man U.S. Davis Cup team, according to recent reports in The Heritage newspapers in southern California.

Aaron Krickstein, a veteran at 18, is "the wunderkind of the U.S. tennis circuit," writes Tom Tugend of The Heritage. Bradley "Brad" Gilbert, 24, "has jumped into prominence just during the past year."

Together, the two "confirm the Jewish resurgence among American tennis players and recalls the heydays of Brian Gottfried and Harold Solomon," The Heritage reports.

Bradley Gilbert, his older brother Barry Jr. and his sister Dana learned their tennis basics from their father, a school teacher and realtor in Peidmont, a suburb of Oakland.

Run for research at Sunnybrook

TORONTO —

Help keep disease on the run — that's the theme of the upcoming 5th Annual Run for Research at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

The run is scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at 9 a.m. and the 10 km course covers the hilly parklands that surround Sunnybrook. Funds raised by runners go to research in the areas of trauma (multiple injuries), cancer, liver diseases and the diseases of aging.

The hospital's goal this year is to exceed last year's total of $136,000. Approximately $500,000 has been raised through the runs during the last four years.

For more information, call the Run Hotline at (416) 480-4040.

JCC Blue Demons rebound, win basketball championship

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

They may have come up second best in the basketball tournament they hosted, but when the money was on the line — the provincial championships — the boys from the Jewish Community Centre came up big.

The JCC Blue Demons recently captured the provincial juvenile basketball championship in a 7-team competition in Brantford, going through the tournament undefeated.

Coach Seymore Herling's prediction, "I wouldn't be surprised if we won" (CJN April 23), came true, as the Blue Demons held on to defeat the Sarnia Vikings 60-59 in the final game.

The win marks them as the best collection of basketball hoopsters in the province aged 17 and under. They defeated entries from Brantford, Barrie, Belleville and Sarnia to capture the title.

Roberto Feig led the team with an average 16.3 points per game, while Michael Millman contributed 12.8 points per game and Shelby Goldman, 10.8.

Next on the agenda for the boys is training for the Maccabiah Youth Games, to be held in Toronto this summer.

Benefit game

TORONTO —

About $2,000 was raised for the pediatrics department of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem thanks to a family basketball game and banquet supported by members of the iron and metal industry of Ontario.

Management and employees, Jews and non-Jews, joined forces in the charity game, played recently at the Jewish Community Centre, in the second such tournament held on behalf of the hospital.

David Marx organized the evening, which, it is hoped, will become an annual event.

Some words of wisdom from the past.

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Business Outlook

Carvel expands operations

Kosher ice cream a real delight

By
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TORONTO —
There should be more to enjoying ice cream than the actual licking; it should be a fun experience, says the president of one of Canada's newer ice cream producers and distributors.

With that in mind, Ron Faust, president of Carvel (Canada) Limited, has set out to delight ice cream connoisseurs visiting the ice cream supermarket with a variety of novelty items as well as a quality product. And it's kosher.

"You can take home a package of flying saucers or one of the specially designed ice cream cakes made fresh on the premises," said Faust, 37, an admitted ice cream fanatic whose all-time favorite is soft chocolate.

"It's so rich, fresh and creamy," enthused Faust.

Faust, executive vice-president of Officeland, said he obtained the franchise rights for Carvel in Canada with his partners Ted Lax and Marvin Budd in December 1984 after negotiating with the parent company in the U.S.

"We love the product. It has a good selection and quality and there was nothing like it in Canada," said Faust.

What makes Carvel's ice cream "so fantastic?"

"It's the high butterfat and low air content," says Faust. "The more butterfat it has the richer the product. That's what makes premium ice cream more expensive.

"We could have cut down on quality as we're giving the public a novelty, but we wanted to give both," he added.

Faust said they decided to make their products kosher to provide the Jewish community with the opportunity of buying the ice cream.

"Kosher products are always deemed to be of the highest quality," he said.

After launching the first store at Bathurst and Lawrence in 1985, Carvel began expanding throughout the Greater Metro area this year. On May 3 Carvel expanded to Scarborough at Markington Square 3227 Eglinton Ave. E., on May 10 it went into Mississauga at Battleford Plaza, 6435 Erin Mill Parkway, and on May 24 it will open in Newmarket.

Faust said that by July, they hope to open three or four more stores in Scarborough, Oakville and Thornhill. Eventually, he added, they will expand across Canada.

"Business has been excellent," he said. "It's a matter of people recognizing who we are in terms of variety and quality."

"We knew the concept was a sound one, but didn't know how fast Canadians would take to the concept," added Tim Pilgrim, vice-president of marketing. "Carvel's business is more oriented to take-home products such as cakes and novelties."

Toyota plant state-of-the-art

CAMBRIDGE —
Officials from the federal, provincial and local governments joined Toyota Motor Corp. executives in groundbreaking ceremonies recently to commemorate the start of construction of Toyota's $400 million manufacturing facility in Cambridge.

Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda

Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, president of the Toyota Motor Corp., told the guests that, while the new plant will be a highly-efficient, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, Toyota will respect the environment and beauty of the area.

"Our plants in Japan are also located in beautiful and historical environments. We believe, from our experience, the same respect for traditions and environment will be transferred to Cambridge, and we will do our best to contribute to the local economy."

The plant, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc., will have stamping and body assembly shops, painting, and trim, chassis and final assembly shops.

It is located on 370 acres and will be capable of producing 50,000 units per year. A 1600 cc Corolla-class passenger car will be produced, starting in 1988. Approximately 1,000 people will be employed at the new facility.

Toyoda expressed his appreciation to the various governments which assisted Toyota in determining the location for the manufacturing facility.

As a symbol of Toyota's desire to become a good corporate citizen of Cambridge, Toyoda announced a gift to the city.

"As a token of our sincere desire to accomplish this goal, I would like to pledge on this memorable day, a donation of $600,000 to build a museum in the City of Cambridge."

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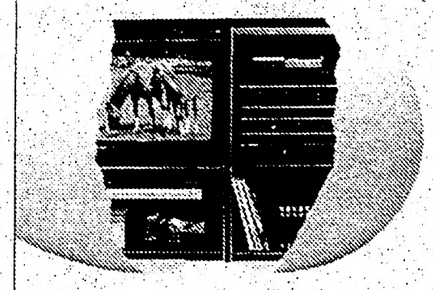

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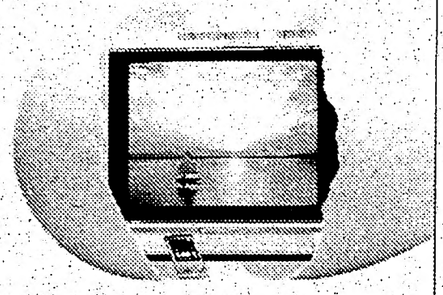

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Business Outlook

Bank Leumi CEO resigns

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Ernst Japhet has resigned as chairman and chief executive officer of Bank Leumi, one of Israel's largest banks. He was promptly replaced in both capacities.

Japhet was the second top bank executive to step down since the special commission headed by Supreme Court Justice Chaim Beisky released a report on April 20 of its investigation into the 1983 collapse of bank shares and the ensuing panic on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The Beisky Commission recommended that the heads of the country's five leading banks be forced to quit within 30 days.

Giora Gazit, board chairman of the Bank Hapoalim resigned immediately after publication of the report. The bank directors announced last week that he would be replaced by Amram Sivan, 48, a former general of the finance ministry.

Japhet said his main reason for resigning was his desire to avoid any harm to the bank "in the atmosphere prevailing" after the appearance of the Beisky report.

He said the commission's findings were unacceptable to him "because they failed to seriously relate to the country's economic conditions and the changes occurring in the capital market and the influence of those two factors on the stabilization of bank shares."

Japhet said he leaves his successor a sound financial group, "whose skilled and devoted management and employees have enabled it to deal successfully with all economic difficulties and to be of service to the entire Israel community."

The bank's board announced that since the commission of inquiry was the sole and final authority, it had no choice but to accept Japhet's resignation, "albeit with great regret." The directors expressed their gratitude to him for his many years of service "and his invaluable contributions to the success of the Bank Leumi Group."

The board also asked Japhet to continue to make available "his abilities, his experience and his international contacts for the benefit of the Group's international activities."

Japhet's replacements were announced by Bank Leumi's directors after a 2-hour meeting. Eli Hurwitz was named the new chairman and Mordechai Einhorn will take over as chief executive officer. Hurwitz said he would resign his position as chairman of the Israel Manufacturers Association but would continue as managing director of Teva, a pharmaceutical company.

Hurwitz, who has no banking experience, indicated that he would leave operations in the hands of Einhorn, a veteran banker.

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More than 22,000 participate

Record turnout for March

MONTREAL — More than 22,000 people — including some from Europe and the United States — took part in the largest March to Jerusalem since the event was begun in 1973.

The March, sponsored by the Jewish Cultural Association, saw the total of participants, since its inception, climb over the 200,000 mark. And March chairman Norman Latsky estimated that participants now have trekked the equivalent of six round trips to the moon — 4¾ million kilometres.

The day was cool, but sunny — in contrast with last year's lashing rainstorm.

The JCA, headed by Dr. Harvey Sigman, generally raises about $150,000 through the event to fund its various cultural and humanitarian programs. Manny Spinner of the JCA has been coordinator of the March since its creation.

At the official opening of the day, Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Beth Zion Congregation expressed the hope that each step along the way would be a "step towards peace."

Israeli vice-consul Moshe Kimche repeated the ancient prayer: "Next year in Jerusalem," inviting all participants to journey to Israel's capital in the next year.

The March this year was billed as the first part of Community Unity Day, uniting the trek with the YM-YWHA's Israeli Street Festival which concludes the day.

Many of the participants have taken part in every one of the 14 marches since 1973, when the event was created to help mark the 25th anniversary of the rebirth of Israel.

Seymour Rimer, the March starter for its entire 14-year history, reported that there was more emphasis on groups this year. Schools, clubs, synagogues and even neighborhoods, formed groups of a dozen or more to take part in the March.

A dozen Ethiopian Jews were among the early marchers and later in the morning, more than 20 — aged 18 to 30 — moved off in a group.

Amongst those picking up sponsors, the likely champion appears to be Ralph Berish who had 136 people back him in the event.

Latsky, early in the day, was formally made an honorary member of the YM-YWHA's Wolf Pack as Pack leader Wolf Bronet led some 200 runners on a rapid completion of the 25-kilometre March. The runners flooded into the foyer of the Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre where the checkpoint had been set up indoors, due to the wind.

The runners' passports were stamped by elderly volunteers, who enjoy the annual event. One of the hospital residents, Helen Held, has participated as a volunteer in every March and also makes a contribution.

"It costs a fortune every year; I sponsor the Wolf Pack. But it's going to a wonderful cause."

–The Wolf Pack considers 55-year-old Sylvia Weiner as its "star." Weiner, the top Canadian marathoner in her age group, has run 43 such events over the past 20 years. "This is just fun," she said of the March.

Marchers were of all ages

Allan Forrest, a 65-year-old retired policeman, has run with the Wolf Pack in the March for 12 years for the "exercise and the fellowship."

As usual, the Marchers were of all ages. Children, bundled in winter-gear because of the low temperatures, were pushed along by puffing parents. In contrast, for senior adults — one of them 78 — jogged the route.

March organizers have been accustomed to all kinds of wheels — from bicycles to baby carriages. But a new dimension this year took the form of skateboards. The popular boards were used by about a dozen of those taking part.

One of the original volunteers for the March, Sam Feigen, had undergone surgery a few days prior to the event but remained in charge of its elaborate communications network — lying flat on his back at home, but coordinating the operations of a team handling radio links to security cars patroling the route.

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